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WHY A FAMILY HISTORY?

Some people are interested in a family history and others are not. Quite often, however, those who are disinterested are in that state of mind for the reason that they have never given the matter any thought and need only the occurrence of some incident to awaken them to the fact that we all are more or less concerned about family connections. This is just as inherent and natural as one's love for his parents.

The writer was more or less of the disinterested class until the following incident occurred:

His son, George W. Weatherby III, was married August 29th, 1935 to Lorraine Donkle in Chicago. The following day the couple took a train for New Orleans and there boarded the Steamship Dixie, for New York City. At three o'clock, the afternoon of the second day out when off the coast of Florida, a hurricane struck and the Dixie went aground on a reef. For forty-eight hours and in fact, until the first passengers were taken off the boat the following Wednesday, there existed the possibility of an appalling catastrophe.

This was news and is now regarded as the sixth largest news event of 1935. The Associated Press was in constant touch with George's father for the exchange of latest news from any and all sources. Upon advice that George and Lorraine were coming ashore at Miami five P. M. Thursday, the Associated Press had a representative present to meet them. The representative upon paging Mr. Weatherby received an answer from Bert G. Wetherby. Shortly following, he located George W. Weatherby III whom he was seeking.

Through this incident the two young men met - became acquainted - and proceeded to New York City, all of which resulted in a new friendship. It developed that Bert G. Wetherby was a grandson of Albert G. Wetherby, while George W. Weatherby III was a grandson of George W. Weatherby, two brothers who had not

seen each other for fifty years or more and up to their deaths little was known by either of the other's family.

This incident of a shipwreck, bringing two families together, inspired the writer to go further and endeavor to obtain information on all of our family, dead and living.

The result is sufficient information to give a good estimate of our ancestors and an interesting knowledge of the names and locations of the living descendants.

And it could well be an asset to the nation if all young Americans of the present generation could look into the lives of their ancestors, become acquainted with the hardships and struggles which they met and mastered.

It is a far cry from that day to the present day of paternalism, the clamor for shorter working hours, unearned compensation, and all those things which have a tendency to destroy self-reliance, initiative, ambition, and independence.

A true realization of the contrasting living conditions and advantages of those days and the present should result in a fuller appreciation of all those things which we enjoy today, made possible only by that high character, great integrity, ceaseless effort and pride of accomplishment exhibited by our ancestors, real Americans.

THE FAMILY NAME AND COAT OF ARMS

While authorities show that the Weatherby family dates back to the time of the Crusades, at which time an ancestor was knighted, no attempt has been made in this record, however, to cover other than our American ancestors. While the English spelling of the family name is Weatherby, we find several variations, and even in the same family, such as Weatherby, Wetherby, Weatherbee and Wetherbee.

The Crest and Coat of Arms, illustrated on the following page, are best described with a Glossary of terms used in Heraldry Oxford and London.

Crest -- An arm embowed, the hand grasping a dagger (P. P. R.) proper. (a figure anciently affixed to the helmet of every commander, for his distinction in the confusion of battle, and in use before the hereditary bearing of coat armour. Unless the contrary be expressly mentioned, a crest is always to be placed upon a (wreath).

Coat of Arms -- Vert a chev. Erm. betw. three rams Pass. ar. attired or.

Mantle, (Mantling, or Lambrequin): this device of the painter to give prominence to the coat of arms and crest is considered in heraldry to represent the Lambrequin, or covering of the helmet, to protect it from the sun or rain and should be of the principal colour and metal of the bearer's arms.

Helmet, The helmets of esquires and private gentlemen are to be placed in profile, with the visor closed and to be of steel, these are drawn after various patterns, however, the only point being that the visor should be closed, whence they are termed close helmets.

Chevron, An ordinary occupying one fifth of the field. The origin and meaning of this term has afforded ground for many guesses, but in diversifying the forms which bars across the shield may take, that of the chevron is a very natural one. The name itself is derived directly from the fr. chevron, i.e. a rafter of a roof.

Ram, This is found frequently in both English and French arms.

THOMAS WEATHERBY

Our First American Ancestor.

Information regarding our first ancestors is very limited. Early records, however, substantiate the fact that our first ancestor in America came from England in the year 1711. He was born in England in 1682. He resided in Dedham, Massachusetts, and died May 21st, 1752 at the age of seventy years.

He was the father of five sons and one daughter.

Thomas Weatherby (2nd). See page following.

Benjamin Weatherbee - Born 1733, died May 20th, 1803. Married Susanna Aldridge of Walpole in 1760. Was the fourth son of Thomas. Resided at Dedham, Mass. Served in the War of the American Revolution. Was the father of Benjamin, David and Comfort.

Nathaniel Wetherby - Church records do not give birth date, but show he married Submit Howe December 25th, 1760, who was born December 15th, 1741 and died March 18th, 1789 at Dorchester. Nathaniel also served in the War of the American Revolution. Was the father of Rhoda, Thomas, Nathaniel, Rebecca and Betsy.

James Wetherbee - Birth date not recorded. Married Elizabeth Everet August 31st, 1755. Father of three children, Experience, Joshua and Kezia.

Elizabeth Wetherbee - Birth date not recorded. Married Seth Clapp of Walpole February 8th, 1769. No children.

Joseph Wetherby - Birth date not recorded. Married March 29th, 1768 to Olive Nutting. Father of two sons and one daughter, Joseph, John and Olive.

See Family Tree. Page 96.

THOMAS WEATHERBY (2nd).

Our Second American Ancestor

Little information is available regarding this ancestor. Records, however, establish the fact that he was the first son of Thomas and had four brothers and one sister, Benjamin, Nathaniel, James, Joseph and Elizabeth.

Family records give the maiden name of his wife as Rebecca Clury. Church records show the given name of his wife as Bathsheba, but no maiden name is recorded. Indications are that he was married twice - to Rebecca Clury and to Bathsheba _____who was admitted to the Church March 15th, 1772 and died October 27th, 1817.

Records are not clear as to the service of Thomas in the War of The American Revolution. His brothers, Benjamin and Nathaniel, have favorable war records, and it is to be assumed that Thomas, the oldest brother, would be with them save for poor health or some physical disability. The date of his death, from small-pox, is not recorded.

Thomas Weatherby was the father of sixteen children. Church records cover only two who were twins.

Rebecca, born in Dedham, Massachusetts in 1775 and baptized February 5th, 1775.

Ebenezer, born in Dedham, Massachusetts in 1775 and baptized February 5th, 1775.

EBENEZER WEATHERBY

Our Third American Ancestor

Ebenezer Weatherbee was born in Dedham, Norfolk Co., Massachusetts in 1775. But little has come down to us. His mother's maiden name was Rebecca Clury, and they were the parents of sixteen children, and the father died of small pox, date not known.

But little is known of his early life; his education was obtained in the common schools of that day, as was the custom. At the age of fourteen he was apprenticed to learn the trade of a shoemaker, and it is said he was one of the best workmen of that day, and in 1796 he would be at liberty to work where he pleased, and he continued to work until his last sickness. He was a fine musician and performed on the violin. He was a strong Democrat of the school of Mr. Jefferson and is represented as a man of good sense and financial ability; industrious and providing well for his family.

But consumption, that insidious disease of the human family, fastened on him, and he departed this life February, 1814, aged 38. He became acquainted with Miss Betsey Harden, of Mansfield, Bristol Co., Massachusetts. Ebenezer Weatherbee and Betsey Harden were married Dec. 1797. They commenced keeping house in Mansfield, he having his shoemaker's seat and his kit of tools, and she was in possession of what was called in that day her "setting out", which consisted of beds and bedding and the various articles necessary for house keeping. They remained in Mansfield until December 1800, when he and his wife and two children removed to Wallingford, Rutland Co., Vermont. He purchased some land on the bank of Onion River, built a house upon it, and worked at his trade of boot and shoemaking. They had five children born in Vermont. In time the cold climate began to make inroads on his constitution, and it became seated consumption and he departed this life Feb. 1814, aged 38 years. He left a widow and seven children, the eldest fourteen years and

the youngest one year and four months.

The mother had her little home and there were those ready to give her sage advice, and that was, to put her children in good places and break up house keeping. But this advice she could not follow for she was possessed of the views and feeling of a true mother respecting her children. They all worked hard and had hard fare, but were all brought up in habits of industry and strict economy, and all these characteristics were made manifest in the lives of this family.

The family were all, according to the good old Puritan custom, able to obtain a good common school education and all were very active and efficient members of society. The mother, three daughters and youngest son made a profession of religion, uniting with the Congregational Church of Wallingford, Vermont. The circumstances of the family were such that whenever an opening presented, they were all ready to labor for the good of the family and their faithful quiet manner and willingness to perform what was required of them, made them favorites in the community in which they lived. When they had arrived at their majority they still considered their mother's house their home and also assisted in the support of the family.

Ebenezer Weatherby and Betsey Harden Weatherby were the parents of four daughters and three sons.

Rebecca	born Mansfield, Bristol Co., Mass.	Sept. 15-1798
Betsey	" " " " "	Feb. 6-1800
Harriet	born Wallingford, Rutland Co., Vt.	Feb. 1-1802
Albert Gallatin	" " " " "	Aug. 1-1804
Julianna	" " " " "	Apr. 5-1807
Alfred Harden	" " " " "	Dec. 19-1809
Comfort Lewis	" " " " "	Oct. 12-1813

As has been before remarked the family were in early life brought up to see the necessity of industry, prudence and close economy, and with these principles deeply implanted in their minds, went forth to battle with the stern realities of life.

After the family had gone forth from their native place and the scenes of childhood, to find homes in other sections, the mother remained in her home where she had lived so many years, with her youngest son. An opportunity presented itself for her to dispose of her home and she sold it, and left with her son for Ohio. Mrs. Betsey Weatherby died in Streetsborough, Ohio, April 20-1849, aged 72.

Betsey Harden's father's name was John Harden. There were nine children, Rufus, Patty, Polly, Sarah, Milley, Nancy, Elias, Lewis and Betsey. Rufus Harden lived and died in Mansfield in 1865. He raised a family of nine children, and the eldest son has given some of the above information. Betsey Harden was ushered into life when the colonies were struggling for their independence. She was born in Mansfield, Massachusetts, November 5-1777. In her day it was constant labor; and close economy was necessary to obtain a living, with very limited education as compared to the present day. The home manufacture of flax and wool into clothing, bedding, and other household purposes, kept spinning wheels and the loom in operation a good portion of the year. This with the housework, kept all busy; even the little girl of twelve summers must learn to spin the tow of flax for fitting of cloth. There was a necessity for this, for as the family increased, there would be increased demand for clothing and bedding, and the prudent parents not only adopted the principle to lay up some thing against a wet day, but to lay by such things, as was necessary in every household, when their children went forth to become heads of families.

The soil of New England was not of sufficient fertility to induce all her sons and daughters to remain, but they would go forth and seek a home in the unsettled parts of New England, the states of New York, Pennsylvania, and also into the territory north west of the Ohio River. Those sons and daughters of the Puritans of New England went forth carrying their principles with them, and that influence is felt still from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans, and is, in a

great degree in operation throughout the Union. Her father, John Harden, served in the Revolutionary War. His war record follows.

John Harden, Mansfield. Private, Capt. Samuel White's 7th (West Mansfield) Co. of Minute-men, Col. John Dagget's (Bristol Co.) regt., which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775, to Roxbury; service, 5 days; also, Capt. Samuel Robinson's Co.; enlisted June 21, 1778; service, 22 days, at Rhode Island; company raised to serve in Col. Wade's regt. for 21 days from June 21, 1778; roll dated Attleborough; also, Private, in a company commanded by Lieut. Ephraim Grover, Col. Isaac Dean's (4th Bristol Co.) regt.; entered service Aug. 5, 1780; discharged Aug. 7, 1780; service, 4 days, at Rhode Island on the Alarm of Aug. 1, 1780, including 2 days travel home; mileage to place of rendevouz and home (80 miles) also allowed; roll sworn to at Attleborough.

REBECCA WEATHERBEE NORTHAM

As was previously mentioned, she was born in Massachusetts and was two years and three months old when her parents removed from Massachusetts to Vermont. She was a girl of good sense and correct deportment and high moral principles which she maintained through life. And in the circumstances in which they were placed, a common school education was all they could expect, but she made good use of what she could obtain, making her a very useful member of society, and a competent common school teacher, in her day. She was also very ingenious, and with very little instruction, was able to work as a milliner, dressmaker, or tailoress; there not being that division of labor that we see at the present day. Her correct deportment and daily work and conversation were such that she had the respect and good will of her numerous friends and the community at large.

By her close application to business, she was able to help herself and assist her mother and younger members of the family. In 1829 her Uncle Rufus Harden visited his sister and family, and when he returned to Massachusetts, Rebecca returned with him, spending a year very pleasantly visiting Boston and other towns, and returned to Vermont well pleased with her visit. In 1831 her brother, Alfred Harden and sister, Harriet with her two little boys, left their native place for Ohio, arriving in Shalersville in October 1831. This opened the way for other members of the family to emigrate to Ohio, and Rebecca and her younger sister, Julianna, left Vermont, arriving at their brother's log cabin in Streetsborough, June 1833. Here they were in a newly settled township, ready and willing to work, and plenty of work to be done as tailoress, going from house to house making up suits of clothes for families who employed her. She also taught school a few terms in Streetsborough. In the spring of 1838, she hired a room in the house of Alvin Wood, and bleached, dressed, and trimmed straw bonnets for

the ladies and also made bonnets of silk and other materials. In September 1838, a friend proposed to introduce Mr. George Northam, a well to do farmer of Perry, Lake Co., Ohio, if all things were favorable, with the view of marriage. Mr. Northam had buried his wife, this leaving him with children to care for, and he felt the importance of having one at the head of his household affairs. The result was, they were married at the home of Mr. Wood in Streetsborough on November 15-1838 by Rev. Caleb Pitkin of Hudson, Ohio. Mr. Northam had the most implicit confidence in his wife, and she was soon able to bring order out of chaos. The eldest daughter soon married, and the eldest son at home soon left the parental roof, and in due time the youngest daughter married and moved west. The youngest son went west and settled, thus leaving the home farm to the care of the father and step-mother. And it can be said that their own mother could not have taken a deeper interest in their welfare of those children than their step-mother. She transferred her church relations to the Congregational Church in Painesville and was a regular attendant there as long as she was able to attend Sabbath services.

Mr. Northam died suddenly on _____?, and she continued to reside at the farm, respected and beloved by all, and at last the summons came and she died November 8-1874, aged 76 years.

HARRIET WEATHERBEE LE BARON GATES.

This member of the family was the first born in Vermont, and the only one of the family still living (in 1885) and had been a resident of Streetsborough for 53 years. Her life had been one of hardship and sorrow that few have been called upon to endure, but she passed through it with wonderful patience and great fortitude. Like the rest of the family, she had to endure privations that few are called to pass through. At her father's death she was 12 years old and was working in families in the neighborhood to help support the family. She was a sprightly girl and Winchester Le Baron sought her hand in marriage and was accepted and married December 31, 1823. He was of French descent, was fine looking and easy address, and by trade a shoemaker. She was left with two sons to battle the world, Sirrell Corydon Le Baron, born at Wallingford, Vermont, September 23-1824 and Leroy Delance Le Baron, born at Wallingford, Vermont February 16-1826. He died at Tecumseh, Michigan, July 19-183_?. She came to Streetsboro in the fall of 1832, having first gone to Shalersville in October 1831. On October 4-1847 she married Roswell Gates, Rev. Ithamer Chapman being the minister who united them. Roswell Gates died in Streetsboro August 7, 1856, aged 71 years.

Her younger son was hopelessly deformed and helpless, and for over sixty years this tiny woman, weighing less than 100 lbs. cared for this son like a baby - lifting him into and out of bed, dressing and undressing him, and waiting upon him in every way. His body was twisted, legs short and curled under him, and the contortions of his face, when he tried to talk or make a sound, were horrible, but his brain was active, and he insisted upon books of law, government, religion, and philosophy being read aloud to him by his mother and the elder daughter of his brother, Sirrell who was raised and cared for by this wonderful woman, who could barely provide food and

clothes for herself and son. He had a little cart that he sat in, and the children of Streetsboro, frequently pulled him around the roads of the town to give him some pleasure. His mother died January 26, 1887, aged 85 years, and he followed her on June 24-1888, aged 62 years.

The older son, Sirrell C. LeBaron, married Charlotte Elizabeth Weller October 4-1848; she was the daughter of S. S. Weller, of Orange, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio and died April 27-18__? at Streetsboro, leaving this daughter who was raised to womanhood by her grandmother. She attended the schools of Streetsboro, and then desiring further education, she was enabled by the help of Miss Luette Bently, a neighbor in Streetsboro and who was at the head of the Woman's College in Painesville, Ohio, to take a four years course at this college. She later taught domestic science in a school for negro girls in the south for several years and later died very suddenly at Ashville, N. C. from hemorrhage of the brain. Her father married again and went to Texas where he raised a family who still live there. We have no dates as to his death or second marriage.

BETSEY WEATHERBEE BOSWORTH

She was the second child of these parents and the last born in Massachusetts, and when her parents emigrated to Vermont, she was ten months old. Her mind appears to have run in a different channel from her sister, for she was inclined toward housework, spinning and weaving, and all the work pertaining to the care of a house in those days. At the time of her father's death, she was 14 years of age, and being left to battle with the stern realities of life, it can be said that she acted her part in the drama of life, as a faithful, industrious woman, making home pleasant, and also the families wherever she labored. She worked in many families in her native town and vicinity. In 1831 or '32 she left Wallingford with Esquire Douglass and family who moved to the town of Byron, Genesee Co., New York. As four of the Weatherbee families had left Vermont and were residing in Streetsborough, Ohio, she also was disposed to come to her brother and sister in Ohio and then return to Vermont. Nathan Benliane, a native of Byron was a student of Western Reserve College in Hudson, and she came to Ohio in his care and company, and then to her brother's in September 1833. The family were now altogether except the mother and youngest brother who were still in Vermont, and the Eldest brother who lived in Pittsburgh. She resided a few months in her brother's family in Pittsburg, but returned to Streetsborough and labored as opportunity presented. She was married to David B. Bosworth in the house of her brother, A. H. Weatherbee, August 23, 1838 by Rev. Luther Shaw. They immediately went to housekeeping, she acting well her part to earn a livelihood. They had a nice little farm of some 50 acres which they had cleared and erected good buildings, a good, fine home and were prospering. But his son by his first wife wanted him to undersign for some money, and he had to pay the debt which obliged them to sell their home. He followed the son to Bellefontain, Ohio, and from there to Fremont, Ohio where he died, and was

brought to Streetsborough for burial. After her husband's death, not being disposed to follow the son any further, she gathered up the remnants of their hard earnings and returned to her friends in Streetsborough. She was with her sister, Rebecca, when she died instantly October 2, 1875 in Hudson, Ohio, aged 75 years. She was buried beside her husband in Streetsborough.

At the time of her father's death, she was almost six years of age. Being healthy and robust and of a naturally energetic disposition, she was always ready to do what appeared necessary for the comfort of the family, and all seemed willing to assist their mother in her efforts to keep the family together and also provide provision for their comfort and suitable clothing for the long winters and deep snows of Vermont and Ohio many years ago. In addition to her work, she attended the common schools of her native state, where she made good proficiency and with her natural abilities it can be said she was well educated for that day. She was called at an early age to do portions of the house work while her mother and sisters labored at the spinning wheels, or at the loom. Thus the time was all improved and in due time she was initiated into the work of spinning and weaving linen and wool cloth for wearing apparel and household use. After she was eighteen, she worked for families at housework and attended a select school. Before she left Vermont, she was admonished that her health was being much impaired. After her arrival in Streetsboro in 1833, she received a letter from Rev. T. M. Hopkins who had formerly preached in the Congregational Church of her native town in Vermont, asking her to come and reside with his family in Canton, Stark Co., Ohio, where he was laboring in the gospel ministry. She went there and while living with them, she had a slight stroke of palsy. After a few days, it passed and her health was uniformly good. She was married in the log home of her brother, Alfred H. Weatherbee, at Shalersville, Ohio to Charles C. Bronson November 16, 1837 by Rev. Giles Doolittle of Hudson. About two years after marriage, she gradually declined in health - palsy was slowly creeping through her system - so slowly as to be hardly perceptible, but the insidious disease was doing its work and the skill of physicians seemed to fail. The last hour came when she must bid adieu to all earthly scenes, but the dread summons found her

ready to depart to be with Christ which was far better. They had three children, 1st William Henry Bronson, born in Talmadge, December 7th, 1838. Died May 21st, 1884, aged 45 years. 2nd Charles Louis Bronson, born in Talmadge, July 8th, 1840, died April 20th, 1855, aged 15 years. 3rd A son born September 30th, 1842, died December 17th, 1842. Julianna W. Bronson died in Talmadge, June 25th, 1849, aged 42 years.

Charles C. Bronson lived in Talmadge, Ohio. After his wife, Julianna Weatherbee, died, he married again, but do not know what his wife's maiden name was. Mr. Bronson was a musician, playing the clarinet and bassoon. He was historian for the Pioneer Settlers Society of Summit and Portage County. His widow gave Daisy Poe the cradle in which he and his children were rocked to sleep in infancy, and the wedding dress of his wife, Julianna, was also Daisy Poe's wedding dress January 11th, 1899. He is buried in Talmadge, Ohio. He had many relics most of which were given to the Congregational Church of Talmadge.

COMFORT LEWIS WEATHERBEE.

He was the youngest child of the family, born October 12-1813 and was one year and four months old when his father died. He was not old enough to realize the loss like the older members of the family, yet he too had to endure the privations through which all the others passed to get a living and like the rest, he did all he could to render assistance in providing food and clothing for the family, and fuel for the long winter evenings when all would gather around the crackling fire place. When the rest of the family left for homes of their own, he remained with his mother, and like the rest obtained a common school education. He was married to Miss Maria Williams in Dorset, Vermont in 1835 and they with the mother came to Ohio in 1836 and settled in Hudson where he died December 12-1837, aged 24 years, and was buried in Streetsboro and an infant child died soon after. The widow went to Michigan where she married again and had a family.

ALFRED HARDEN WEATHERBEE

The Fourth American Ancestor Of The Poe Descendants

He was the second son and the fifth child and was four years and two months when his father died. He was able by his natural abilities to obtain a good education in the common schools. Much of his time was taken helping his mother and the older members of the family in obtaining a living and maintaining a respectable standing in society, and he was successful.

Hardin, as he was called by the family, was obliged to labor on the farms in the vicinity of their home when quite small, and was able with natural ability to transact business in a correct manner for himself and also public business. About the time he became 21, he left his native town, and went to Massachusetts to visit his relatives in Mansfield in the family of his Uncle Rufus Hardin. After this visit, he went north into Worcestor Co., Massachusetts and to a wealthy farmer whose name was Williams in the town of Northborough, hiring out to him for a year. After the year expired, Mr. Williams was so well pleased with him that he offered to increase his wages if he would remain another year. But he had been so long away from home, he declined the offer and returned to Vermont. After he returned to the home of his mother, he made up his mind to take Horace Greeley's advice given many years later to "Go West Young Man". Since Rev. Timothy Hopkins, who had preached in Wallingford, Vermont, had moved to Ohio and with his brother, Ebenezer Hopkins was living in Shalersville, he wrote his friends in Wallingford about the Reserve and as Alfred Weatherbee had confidence in Mr. Hopkins, he resolved he would go to Ohio, and Shalersville was his destination. With his sister, Harriet, and her two young sons he left his mother's home with their household goods, hiring a team to carry them to Troy, New York, where they embarked on the Erie Canal boat for Buffalo, thence by steam boat to Cleveland and by the Ohio Canal to Akron, arriving on the day of State Election, October

1831. They went to Shalersville and hired part of a house, living there one year. The summer of 1832 he worked for Col. Ephraim Chapman at carpenter and joiner work and worked on a house for Rev. Mr. Dean at Streetsboro Center. A man named Hodge had taken up 96 acres south of the Center on the west side of the road, had cleared a few acres and built a log house. Weatherbee bought out Hodge at $4.00 per acre and in the fall of 1832 he found a home he could call his own, and he went to work with great energy to make the wilderness a fruitful field and it can truthfully be said he was successful. In 1835 he built a frame barn which is still standing (1887) and a part of the house also. As previously mentioned, other members of the family also came and were again a united family in Ohio. On the 23rd of November, 1838 A. H. Weatherbee and Huldah Maria, daughter of Deacon Nathan Gould Sherman, were married in her father's house in Streetsborough by Rev. George Sheldon of Hudson, Ohio. They commenced keeping house, like others of that day, clearing the farm of timber. They had proposals to sell the farm, and he disposed of it and took the avails and bought the De Haven farm of 160 acres with a small frame house in 1842. He worked this farm for several years, built a large frame barn and this farm was on Tinkers Creek in the west part of the township. The Sherman farm, being for sale, he bought it and carried on both farms for several years. In the spring of 1837 he made a trip into Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan, finding a beautiful country, but returned and made up his mind that it was a "Good thing to let well enough alone" for a "contented mind is a continual feast". He bought the Sherman farm in 1853 and lived there for thirty years. He and his wife made a public profession of religion uniting with the Presbyterian Church. It was a feeble church. They were both active in maintaining the worship of God on the Sabbath and other duties connected with a small feeble church. They both were social good Christian people.

After fifty years residence in Ohio, A. H. Weatherbee moved to Tyner City,

Marshall Co., Indiana. His health failing while there, his daughter visited him, and, thinking a change would be beneficial, he decided to return to Ravenna, Ohio with her. He rallied for a while and seemed improved, but at last the weary wheels of his life stood still and he passed away at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Alvin Poe, April 27th, 1885, aged 75 years. Circumstances seemed to render it necessary that he should leave his home and associates of half a century, and it seems so providential that he came back home to die and be buried by the side of his wife and son and other members of his family in the old cemetery in Streetsboro. He was elected County Commissioner during the Civil War and his fellow citizens were pleased with his administration of the affairs of the county. At one time he had a cheese factory.

Alfred Hardin Weatherbee bought a $1000.00 scholarship in Western Reserve College then located in Hudson, Ohio (at present located in Cleveland, Ohio) for his son, Alfred, but he did not care about higher education. The sons of Lauretta Weatherbee Poe did not want to go to college, so the scholarship will probably be used by Alfred Hardin Weatherbee's great great grandson now four months old. Only those of the male line are eligible for the scholarship.

Alfred Hardin Weatherbee, born December 19th, 1809, died April 27th, 1885, aged 75 years.

Huldah Maria Sherman Weatherbee, born 1817, died February 11th, 1862, aged 45 years.

They had two sons and a daughter.

Nathan Gould Weatherbee, born October 4th, 1839, died January 19, 1863 at Danville, Kentucky - Civil War. 25 years old.

Lauretta Maria Weatherbee, born November 16th, 1843, died February 19th, 1927, aged 83 years and 4 months.

Alfred Hardin Weatherbee (2), born August 16th, 1853. (Note) We

have heard nothing from him since 1904, when he and his wife were starting for Yellowstone Park from Idaho.

Alfred Hardin Weatherbee was married the second time, after his daughter, Lauretta, married, and went to Ravenna. A finely educated woman came to Streetsboro and was called to his home to make some clothing for his children. She wrote beautiful poetry and taught school. In time he felt that he needed her to take care of his home and raise the children. He married Mary Ann _____, (record of her maiden name cannot be located), and to this union one son was born, Willie P. Weatherby, April 21st, 1876. Following his mother's death December 14th, 1888, he went to Connecticut to his mother's relatives and in later years became a professor in an eastern college.

LAURETTA MARIA WEATHERBY

Lauretta (Lottie) Weatherby, daughter of Alfred Harden Weatherby and Huldah Maria Sherman Weatherby, was born in Streetsborough, Ohio, November 16th, 1843 on the Creek Farm, one of three that were owned by her father. This was located on Tinker's Creek in the southwestern part of the township. She was a very active child, spending much of her time roaming the fields and woods with her little dog, and many a woodchuck and snake were carried home as prizes. Once in mischief, she dropped a little dead garter snake down the back of their hired girl, frightening her into hysterics. The result was a rather unpleasant interview with her father and a whip in the woodshed, which she never forgot. Lottie attended the District School with the other children, and with her parents and brothers was always at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday. Alfred and Huldah Weatherby were honest and devoted Christians, working to build up

the church, as well as giving freely of their hard earned money. When the church lacked a pastor, Alfred Weatherby read Spurgeon's Sermons to the congregation on Sundays.

Lottie's childhood and young girlhood were happy and care free, being loved dearly by her parents and older brother, Nathan.

When about seventeen years of age, her parents decided to send her to Connecticut to a young ladies' seminary which was located at Bridgeport, and near her mothers' relatives. Here she studied hard to improve her education and also made many friends. One day she received a telegram to return home immediately as her mother was dangerously ill. She arrived home in time to see her mother and talk to her before she died, February 11, 1862. Her death left a heavy load of responsibility upon the young girl, not only the care of the home, but the raising and training of her eight year old brother, Alfred, and also a tiny girl waif whom her parents had adopted when the trustees of the town were going to send her to the County Poor Farm. Lottie was very conscientious regarding her duty to the children and care of the home for her father, and with the help of her brother, Nathan, endeavored to lessen her father's grief in the loss of his beloved wife.

The Civil War was being fought in the South, and, when President Lincoln called for volunteers, the young men of Streetsborough responded nobly, and among them was Nathan Weatherby. When the time came for them to march away, all the girls of the town, dressed in white and waving small American flags, gathered to bid them farewell and God Speed, Lottie among the rest, as her beloved brother left her and the family to die among strangers in the south. Receiving word of his son's death at Danville, Kentucky, January 19, 1863, Alfred Weatherby went there and returned with his son's body, that he might rest beside his mother in the home cemetery. He was twenty-five years old.

Lottie was very popular among the young people of the town, vivacious, good looking, and a fine singer. Naturally she had many admirers, one of whom was a young man from Ravenna, Alvin N. Poe, who in company with his brother, Dr. Charles Poe, the latter a surgeon during the entire war, were now proprietors of the principal drug store of the town, conducted under the firm name of Poe Brothers, which name, in various branches of business, continued for more than half a century.

Winning her father's consent to the marriage, the wedding was held at the home November 7th, 1866 with Rev. Henry Hitchcock performing the ceremony.

After a trip to Cleveland, they returned to Ravenna to live with his mother, since his father had passed away in 1859 leaving the home property to the mother. A year after a little daughter, Daisy Eliza, came to them, and two years later a son was born, much to their delight, whom they named Alvin Duke. In the meantime Poe Brothers had sold the drug store and started in the dry goods business. On July 7th, 1872 another son, William Alfred, was born, and about this time an older brother, Andrew Poe, decided to build a hotel in the town. Upon its completion he persuaded Alvin and Lottie to move there and open it with a grand ball. Thus began a busy life for both of them, a different experience. Some months later, Alvin was taken with typhoid fever, hovering for weeks between life and death, and only the devoted care of his wife and brother, Charles, saved his life.

In August, 1876 his mother passed away, and, after this, they engaged in several business ventures with more or less success. Charles Poe having moved to Cleveland, Alvin decided to follow him, and in 1891 moved his family to the city where the children found work, and the mother took care of the home, where she made every one welcome and joined with all the young people in their games and pleasures. Their home life was unusually happy and contented, due to her love and thoughtful consideration.

In the spring of 1885 she went out to Indiana to her father, Alfred Hardin Weatherbee who was very sick, brought him home with her and endeavored to nurse him back to health, but was unsuccessful, and he passed away at her home, being buried beside his wife and son in Streetsboro, in 1885. She was a fine nurse and it always gave one confidence just to have her around. She nursed all of her children through all the serious ills of childhood, and brought the daughter through several severe operations.

In 1899 the daughter married and left the home. Soon after this Andrew Poe, who in 1881 had gone to the northwest, settling in Tower City, North Dakota, returned for a visit with his brothers. When ready to go back to the west, he begged Alvin Jr. to go with him. After much family discussion, the parents consented to let him go with the uncle to help him in his extensive business affairs. Before going west, Alvin and his brother, William, opened a men's furnishing store where both the father and mother assisted William after Alvin's departure until the father's death.

In 1903 the son, William, married, bringing his bride to the home of his parents to live for a time, but after a few months decided to go by themselves, leaving the parents alone again. Finding the house too large, they moved to a smaller one and still continued to assist William at the store. Receiving word that her aunt in Akron was very sick, Lottie felt it her duty to go there to take care of her, expecting to be away from home only a short time, but the weeks lengthened into months and months to a year with no change. Her husband went to assist her frequently in business matters, both doing all possible for the aunt's comfort. When she was finally released by death, she returned home to a very sick husband, and in a few weeks he too, passed away, leaving her alone in the home. Fearing she might become ill while alone, her son begged her to come to their home. She also spent some months with her daughter who had moved to Streetsboro from Cleveland. However, she was not contented, and when the son.

Alvin, in North Dakota asked her to come out there to keep house for him, she packed up most of her household things, shipped them out there and she followed later. She was very happy with him, and the neighbors were kind and friendly, paying her much attention. The little children would come to have her tell them stories or read to them, and they usually found some cookies also. She spent ten happy years with him, where she made many friends. In January, 1927 she was taken ill, but, although she had medical care and a nurse, she passed away February 19, 1927. A large funeral there testified to the esteem and friendship felt for her. The son brought her body back to Ravenna where she was buried beside her husband. She was 83 years old.

Children.

1. Daisy Elizabeth Poe, born in Ravenna, Ohio, November 23rd, 1867. Married January 11th, 1899 at Cheshire Street, Cleveland, Ohio by L. L. Taylor of Plymouth Congregational Church to Norman C. Pratt. Mr. Pratt passed away April 10th, 1932. Interment in Maple Grove Cemetery, Ravenna, Ohio.

2. Alvin Duke Poe, born in Ravenna, Ohio, October 16th, 1869.

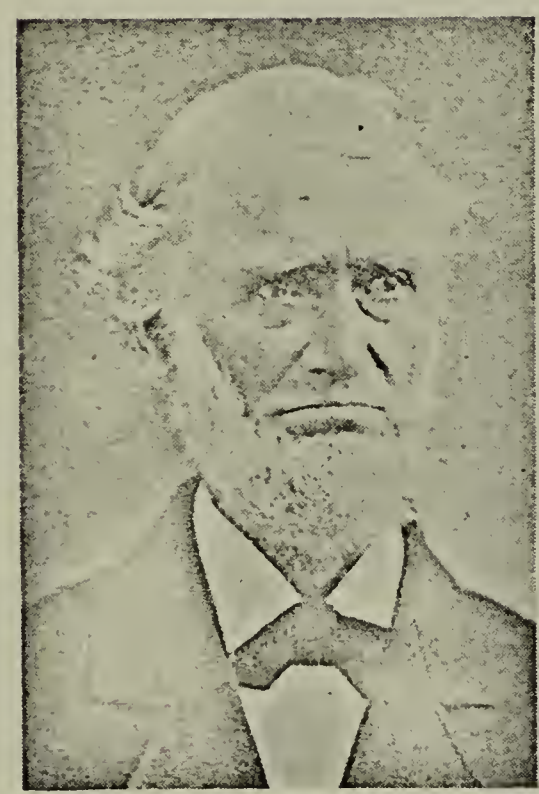
3. William Alfred Poe, born July 7th, 1872 in Ravenna, Ohio. Married January 1st, 1903 by Rev. C. W. Carroll of Hough Avenue Congregational Church, Cleveland, Ohio to Jeune I. Paul, born June 25th, 1881 in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

The parents of two daughters, Elizabeth Evelyn Poe, born January 25th, 1905 in Cleveland, Ohio. Married Owen Hepley in Indianapolis, Indiana. Have one daughter, Judith Ellen Hepley, born August 21st, 1930.

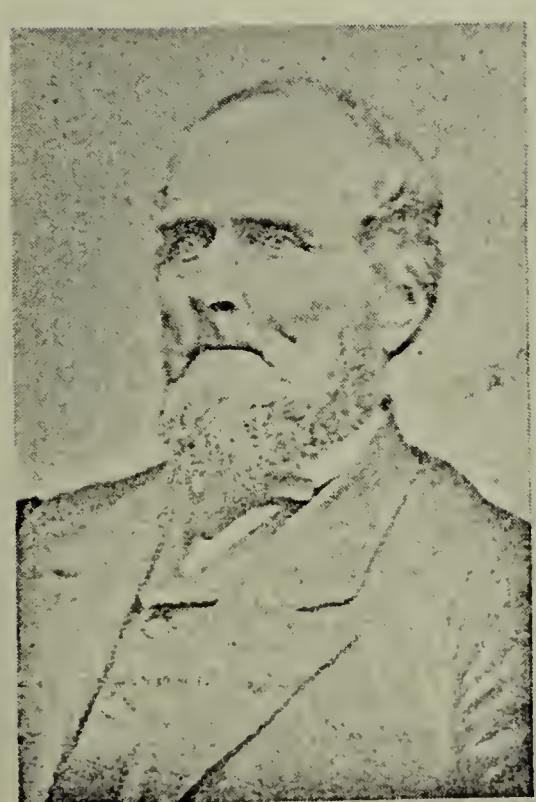
The second daughter of William Alfred Poe, Pauline Poe, born August 10th, 1908 in Cleveland, Ohio, married September 19th, 1931 at Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, Ohio to Carl David Whitehorn of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Have one son, David Alen Whitehorn, born in Cleveland, May 1936.

Nathan Gould Weatherbee

Huldah Maria Sherman Weatherbee



Alfred Harden Weatherbee

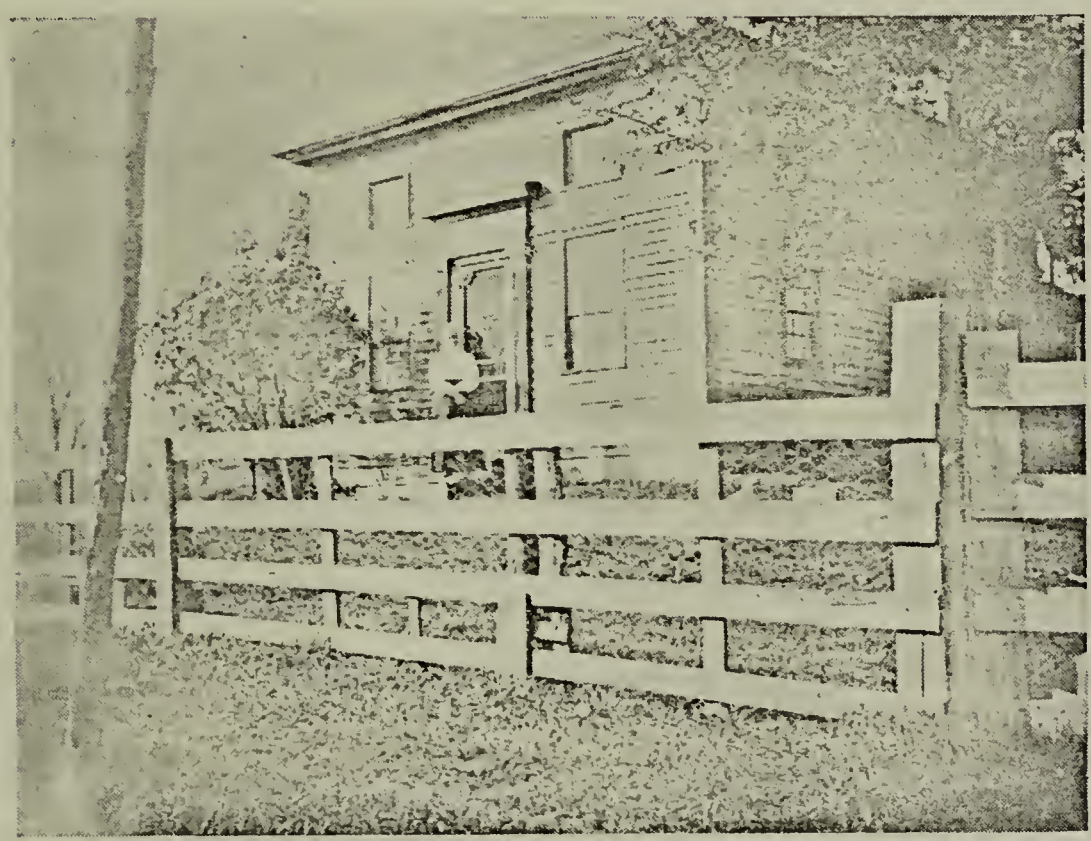


Charles C. Bronson

Alfred Harden Weatherbee, Jr.

George Northam

Rebecca Weatherbee Northam



Home of Harriet Weatherbee, Streetsboro, O., more than 100 years old. Harriet standing on the steps.

Alvin N. Poe

Lauretta Maria Weatherbee Poe

ALBERT GALLATIN WEATHERBY

Our Fourth American Ancestor

He was the first born son of Ebenezer and Betsey Harden Weatherbee. Was born in Wallingford, Vermont, August 1st, 1804. His father, being an ardent Democrat in his political views, this son was named for Albert Gallatin, a prominent man in the Jeffersonian school of politics. He was past nine years of age when his father died, and, being the eldest son, much devolved upon him to assist in the various things necessary for the comfort of the family. He was a carpenter and farrier by trade and after he was twenty-one years old, he left his native place and went to Pittsburg, laboring on the Public Works of Pennsylvania. Under his direction was built the first aqueduct across the Allegheny River. After this work was finished, there was not much call for mechanical labor in his line. His brother and sisters, having removed to Ohio, he made them a visit, and, being pleased with the face of the country, it occurred to him that he better dispose of his home and buy some land and not depend upon his trade for a living. There was in Streetsborough thirty acres of land, a frame barn and log house, which he bought - selling his property in Pennsylvania. This was in 1838, and he worked on his land and at his trade. In 1840 he built a frame house. He was elected Justice of the Peace, serving one term and giving good satisfaction. He was a man much respected by his fellow citizens. His health had somewhat failed and an opportunity presented itself to dispose of his home which he did in 1850, and he bought a farm on the south side of the girdled road, (so called, it being the first road laid out on the Western Reserve, beginning at the west line of Pennsylvania, the west end of the road being at Cleveland) in the southeast quarter of the town of Leroy, Lake Co., Ohio. He moved his family on to the farm and very soon died, leaving a widow and five children.

Albert Gallatin Wetherby - Born 1833 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Ralph Martin Weatherby - Born April 25th - 1837 in Allegheny, Pennsylvania

John Weatherby - Born _____ in Streetsborough, Ohio

Mary Elizabeth Weatherby - Born 1846 in Streetsborough, Ohio

George Wallingford Weatherby - Born October 3rd - 1846 in Streetsborough, Ohio

The farm, not being all paid for, soon passed to other hands, and the family were cared for by others. He married in Pittsburgh, Miss Wilhelmina Offenbach. He died in Leroy, May 9-1850, aged 46 years, and his wife died _____ in Franklin, Portage Co., Ohio. She was buried in the cemetery in Streetsborough, Ohio, the grave being nicely marked and easily located.

In religion Albert Gallatin Weatherby would be called a Swedenborgian. An admirer of Emmanuel Swedenborg, financier, distinguished theologian and scientist. An exponent of "the balanced mind and the balanced life."

No photo of Albert Gallatin Weatherby has been obtainable - following an extended effort.

Please note in the following old letter of 1834 the verses "On the Return of Spring" written by Albert Gallatin Weatherby.

A prized memento is his old muzzle loading single barrel shot gun, given to his son, Ralph, later passed to the grandson, Albert T. Weatherby, and by him given to his uncle, Ralph's brother, George, and by him to his grandson George W. Weatherby III who now has it. The gun is more than one hundred years old.

See pages following page 53 for history of descendants.

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COPIES OF OLD LETTERS

Originals Of Which Are In Possession Of Albert T. Weatherby

Dated Mansfield, Ohio, April 4th - 1828 from Rebecca Wetherbee to her sister, Mrs. Harriet Le Baron, Wallingford - Prutland County - Vermont.

Dated Northborough - August 14th - 1831 from Alfred Hardin Weatherbee to Miss Rebecca Wetherbee, Wallingford, Vermont.

Dated Freeport, Pennsylvania, February 24th, 1834 from Wilhelminia P. Weatherbee to her sisters-in-law, Rebecca, Juliana Weatherbee, and Harriet Le Baron, Streetsborough - Portage County - Ohio.

Dated Tallmadge, Ohio - April 23rd, 1839 from Charles C. Bronson to his sister-in-law, Mrs. Rebecca Northam, Perry - Geanga County - Ohio.

These letters are a hundred years old. At the time these were written, envelopes and postage stamps were unknown. The letter being folded with the address on the outside. Amount of postage paid was marked in the corner. See reverse side of last sheet of each letter, which shows method of addressing with amount of postage paid. All were written in longhand. Half a century later the typewriter was invented.

Also a letter from C. C. Bronson to Alfred Harden Weatherbee, dated December 12th, 1863. Written at the time that most of their generation had passed away. Original letter in possession of Daisy Poe Pratt.

Mansfield April 4th 1828

Dear Sister H.

I received Mother's letter which informed me that you were all well and the evolution that had taken place since I received my first intelligence from you. I am quite glad to hear that you have not left the good old place yet I hope to meet you there once more. I could not tell by the letter when you expect to go for it only mentioned that I might have time to learn to cut by the first of Sept it gave me the impression that you are calculating to stay till that time. I cannot tell whether I can learn or not. I do most all sorts of work, cut my little cousins clothes, both the boys and girls gowns and jackets and all sorts of business enough here and am verry contentented indeed. The country suits me much better than the citty. I wish I could tell you all but shall not be able. I find that I can do well or better than I even did in Vermont. There are a number that wish me to teach school. (aecond?). I have not been to Aunt Paynes since I returned from Boston and they are verry anxious to see me, have sent for me twice but I had so much work engaged that I could not go then but shall soon. They have sewing to a considerable amount they wish me to do - for their boarders. They were all well. I have written to Aunt Symmer since I came here. She was verry glad to hear that I am contented - and expressed an anxious wish to go to Vt. with me. She is as sick of her manner of living as I was and if it were in my power or ours to make her comfortable and contented with us it would be quite pleasing to have her. But I do not think she wold be - Tell Mother that her invitation is accepted verry kindly but I wish to stay here a little longer if she is willing and you are not going to move. Tell her that I am quite pleased with her manner of turning off the people. It is true that a city life did not agree with me neither does sewing. I should not be able to follow the business if I were complete Mistress of it. I was sorry to hear that

Brothers encle has been so lame and should have been glad to had her mentioned the time that the others left holm.

I should be pleased to have you particular to date your letters then I have a chance to know something more about the time. Be particular to let me know what Ma says about my staying. I mentioned to Betsy that I should like to have her come down and return with me. If I go in the Stage I think Uncle would go with me - If I were able to pay him So that he could afford it I should insist upon it but the Journey there and back would cost about $19, - it would more than I could meet - Write soon after you receive this and I will answer you. We may all know what best to do if we council together - Rebecca Weatherbee

Harriet LeBarron

I have written to Betsy and shall write to them - All by this mail - I do not know that I wish Ma. to sell my things unless she finds it quite probable that she shall move. If she does I would have her do just as she would if they were her own. Tell her likewise I have money enough and would not have her give herself the least unesiness about that. Am greatly obliged to her for her offer - I will recall one thing which I have found on reviewing the letter that you are to go next fall - I shall therefore beg leave to stay till nearly the time except you have need of me and if so I hope you will be free and tell me the whole. I hope my Brothers will do well and that we may some day or other see each other again when we shall have learnt how to prize each others Society as we ought - I have felt a little regret that Betsy and you did not say something in the letters, but I suppose you as you formerly did that there was enough said but you little think how cheering it is to hear a little from all -- I was quite pleased with Alberts little manuscript about the Musk-rats and so forth - Shall expect to hear that he is nearing a compensation of the kind for us some future day - I have no great_____to write, Uncle Rufus has moved to the Factory near the____uting house in order to make it better for the girls. They earn four dollars per week - I think they will do well here and improve his farm. Uncle Isaac's girls all send their love to you and wish they could see you before you go, but I tell them it wont be much to take the Water from the west to this place so that we can journey from that country as well as not. All the aunts send love. Aunt Polly has been to see me and is quite anxious to have me live with Silence but I dont seem to think I can - I must draw to a close. My letter is poorly written and I presume I have left some things that will be thought of afterwards. I wish you to write and be particular. Write all you know. I want to hear the whole matter. I am sorry that A should have given himself any uneasiness about my pay, have had pay enough. Give my love to the girls. I wish to know if any one says a word about me or whether they have

wholly forgotten me. Remember love the remaining Brothers and Sister and Mother.

Adieu your sister

Rebecca Wetherbee

H LeBaron

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Mrs. Harriet LeBaron

Wallingford

Vermont

Prutland

County

Mansfield April 5th

Northborough Aug the 14-1831

Miss Rebecca Weatherbee

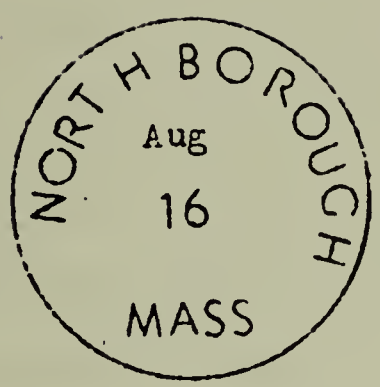
Dear Sister

I have just received a letter from Albert. He thinks that I had better come with one of the girls this fall and not to come all in a heap. Now is you think this to be the best method to take first conclude amongst yourselves and determine who shall go. Have it fairly understood whether you go and who goes and then answer my letter so that Comfort can tell him what we are calculating to do. My time will be out the first of Sept and I should like to know before that time. On the Ohio and Baltimore Railroad they advertise for seventeen hundred labourers at one dollar per day. I might do something on that to get a little money if should get time. I have said all I can on this question but tell me what time we are to start and I will be hands aft sir. We are all well here and the people with whom we reside. Allen wishes Fox to write him and tell him about his Colt and other news that would be interesting to us all. I would like to have you tell me about the difficulty between Mr. Wheeler and the other young men and who they are. We will leave this part of the question and tell you something about a journey which I started the - 11th of May. With a pair of new thin Boots for Mansfield I traveled about nineteen miles and my Toes became heavy with Blisters. I bought a pair of thin pumps added much to my comfort. I traveled on till I got through the Village of Foxborough and then being timed and leg weary I sat down by the side of the road and thinking that people might think as they passed that I was obliged to sit there by some ardent means I forced my way along when looking back I saw a Man coming in a wagon. He had the goodness to ask me to ride and on inquiring about the people of that place, I found that it was Comfort Hardin. When he left me he pointed out the Road to me and I came to a Red House on the bend of the Road near a little Brook and walking near to the House where there were children out the door one says, Marm's in the house, steped in and

asked the woman if she could tell me where Mr. Rufus Hardin lived. "Yes sir," and after giving her shelf a few wisps with the dish cloth steped out just before me, turned round and looked me in the face saying "aint you some a kin to Becca Weatherbee." I am. "Well, aint she never coming down here agin." Not that I know of. "Well, she is a nice gal. Aint she going to be married. "Not that I know of". "Well, Rufus Hardin married my dauter." Then she was ready to direct me on my way and after coming to his house asked if Mr. Rufus Hardin lived here. He was a high voice, said I should think he did and after introducing myself with a few dry compliments, took my seat and soon had some supper. Soon Nancy come from a visit and was introduced and with a peculiar twitch down of the head you may have forgotten the graceful air, says how I do want to see him. They were glad to see me and visited or gave all the People a call about there and they were all quite well but Uncle Rufus which was a little moderate. He has a good family of children, I liked them very much. But could not stay but two days. Left there Sunday morning for Mr. Pains with a horse and wagon and one of the Boys come there and on going into the House Passed the "How do you do" and soon I looked around to the right behind a Ceiling and seeing Aunt Pain as she gazed from above her, Spitribs, I thought I saw my Mothers likeness almost and she said I know its a Weatherbee and from that we became very well acquainted. Stayed there but a few ours and started for Northborough. Arrived there Monday morning fresh and in good Spirits sore toes a plenty. Now, if we go to the Ohio Fare-well to them, and if not, good luck them-I dont know of anything more to write Only that your Friend and brother Alfred looks towards

A H W

Miss Rebecca Weatherbee



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Miss Rebecca Wetherbee
Wallingford,
Vermont.

Paid, single.

Freeport Pa Feb 24th 1834

Dear Sisters

While Albert is writing a letter to his Mother I take the opportunity to address a few lines to you but I have been so little accustomed to writing that I fear I shall hardly be able to arrange my Ideas so as to make my Epistle intelligible or interesting only that I am confidant that nothing however worded which conveys an account of our welfare can be uninteresting to those we love.

I have just recovered from another premature confinement; for this disappointment I can assign no reason; the Physicians suppose me to be of too plethoric, a habit. Albert wrote Hardin a letter after our return from Ohio in which he sent a one dollar note to Harriet and as we have received no answer he would be glad to know if it arrived safe. We came here about the first of December and shall leave here the first of April. I want you to let me know how many table-cloths you want netting for also how many yards each will require; We are very anxious to hear from you all. Albert is particularly desirous to know how Hardin is getting along with his work, and as we have heard nothing from Vermoht since we were in Ohio we shall be glad to know if you have, and what it is, whether you have had any news from Betsey where she is etc. We shall be looking for one of you by the time we get home or shortly after to stay with us a while. Albert is employed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Superintend hands in repairing the Aqueduct. The work will probably last nearly a year yet; he has had thirty hands the most of the winter. I Ackerman is Superintending the Pittsburgh Aqueduct. His second child was scalded to death a short time ago. The winter excepting a few days has been remarkably mild and favourable, the grass is now springing and looks quite green. Albert has enjoyed uninterrupted health since he left you last fall, mine is very good at present. I wish to be remembered to the little boys and as I think of nothing more at present to write

I shall, after presenting my best respects to you all close with a few lines that Albert has been spinning He finished his letter long enough before me to write the following lines

On the Return of Spring

The winter is flying
Through woods and glens sighing
His breath while he's dying
Comes mournfully past
The Spring is arriving
All nature seems striving
Always to be driving
The stern wintry blast
The spring, with it bringing
The flowers richly springing
And Birds sweetly Singing
On every green tree
Comes, gay and delighting
The Farmer inviting
To work; and "leave writing"
It says unto me

A.G.W.

Accept of this from your Sister and answer it as soon as convenient

Wilhelmina P Weatherbee

Rebecca and Julianna Weatherbee

and Harriet Lee Baron

-3- Freeport Feb 24th 1834

I wish to know whether Hardin has had a dunning letter from the Editor of the Saturday Courier. If he should at any time I wish to know it. They have been dunning me for money which I sent to their agents long ago and if we are to have much more trouble with them I shall discontinue the subscription

Albert Weatherbee

Freeport Pa

March 3rd

Paid 12½

Miss Rebecca Weatherbee

Streetsborough

Portage Co

Ohio

Tallmadge April 23rd 1839

Dear Sister

Thinking that it is time to open a correspondence I take my pen in hand to commence. We have not heard from you but once since you moved and that was when Hardin returned from Perry last fall. Now for the news. We are all well at present. Julias health is greatly improved so much so that she is spining tow like all Creaton as Jack Downing says and thinks nothing of walking as far as the Six Corners and back in half a day so that her health is much better. We were in Streetsborough in March and I was there last Friday. They were all well but Sirrell. He has had another of his turns of dizziness and the doctor says that he must not labor any more for a year. Harriet has moved down by the potash and mother lives with her. Hardin is in another fever to sell his place and move some where he can get rich but where that will be the future will determine. Albert and David are both doing well and both have one good thing, A contented mind which Hardin cannot boast of. Huldah enjoys good health for her. They have a fine active healthy boy and is forward. Our Wm. is mischievous and is showing out the Wetherby to perfection. Mr. Parmele goes east in a few days. He and his Wife he is a delegate to the Seventh Assembly, his health is poor and is a going to Saratoga Springs. It is thought he has the Kings evil. He is not expected back until Sept. Julia and myself are calculating to visit in Canton in 2 or 3 weeks. Doctor Upson has returned from the East. He does not know where he shall settle yet. We should like to have you write to us as often as you can and let us know when you will visit us as we have it in contemplation to visit you in the fall. Our family wish to be remembered to you and yours. We are all well

Receive this from Charles C Bronson

Mrs. Rebecca W Northam

Dear Sister-I would write a little but it is now two o clock and we have just had word that we are to have company this afternoon and I have a skein on the real which I want to get off and Bub is cutting about in all kinds of mischief and you can guess what kind of a stew we are in but I have one thing to comfort me. That is health which has not been as good since I have been in this country. Now if you are sick you must resort to the Bromocettrious. We have a piece of towel in loom, 70 yards. Marcia is weaving like all smash. Mother and Marcia join with me in sending their respects to you and your husband.

Mrs. F W Bronson

Mrs. R. W. Northam and Husband

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Tallmadge, O Dec 12-1863-

Dear Bro. H.

One of the early days of Dec. myself and Wife with Cornelia, we rode to Streetsborough, we found our Sister H - and Leroy in their usual health, and in comfortable circumstances. We carried our own food had A good time and an enjoyable visit if it was short. I have many times thought that perhaps I am different from some, I cannot pass from place to place without vividly bringing to my mind many things of long, long ago. A little more than half A century has passed since you and I met for the first time in Shalersville. Then came A relationship which after A few years was severed by death, but the tie of relationship and friendship was always bright and good. And I have never been able to pass through the township without the past would pass in review before my mind. Many pleasant things and many things to create A melancholy pleasure, if such A word can be used in this connection. It is not necessary to mention names to you but how few there are of the inhabitants between Kent and Streetsborough even of the children that was there 40 years ago. But my most active thoughts were called up in passing the home once owned by our Bro. and Sister Bosworth, how sad the thought that they after all their toil and eating the bread of carefulness should in their declining years be deprived of their pleasant house and its surroundings and both depart this life under a roof not their own, but so it is, and we must consider that it is all for the best, if it is not revealed to us. And after all there were very pleasant remembrances of things that transpired in days long since passed away. The Sperry farm awakened A train of thought of the past: Deacon Mendle and Dea. Upson and perhaps you have not heard that Dea. Upson died in Michigan City last Sept. he had been incapable of caring for himself for the last four years of his life. His remaining children took care of him the last years of his life. He has but 3 living Maria, Mrs. Baldwin, and Emeline Mrs. Haddock, both live in Michigan City and Amanda. Mrs. Earl who lives in Lansing Mich. He was buried in Lansing where his second wife died in 1877 I think. Your first farm in S. I never can pass without creating A train of thoughts of scenes of the past. How indelible on my memory is the first visit I

made you. I left Shalersville in the morning and when at the Doolittle place the thought occurred to me to call on you as I had time and get home. I found the place and yourself and Sisters Rebecca and Julianna. I was taken aback somewhat for I only expected to meet you and Sister Harriet But the ice was broken. A dinner was soon on the table and partaken and being well pleased with my call, left for home. Being frequently in Shalersville I occasionally called on you and your Sisters and was always A welcome visitor. Well in time A wedding in that Log Cabin. Bro. H how few remain of those who participated in the festivities of that day. Your Fathers family were present Except your Father, now all are gone the way of all the Earth will the exception of yourself and Sister Harriet. I am not able at this time to say how many are living that were present on that occasion. But we know that death has taken numbers that were present that day. Huldah: how often I think of her, how untiring in her efforts at all times to make A pleasant home for her family, and her friends. How many pleasant hours I have spent in your family when she was able to manage the household affairs always ready with A smile and A cheerful face to welcome me to your home. But the changes and vicisitudes of life has had its effect on us, we have arrived at that age when we are compelled to feel that our work is almost done. We have had prosperity and also adversity. We have followed to the tomb our wives where the most tender relations had been severed. We have followed children and parents, brothers and sisters to their final resting place and we shall be called to depart hence to be here no more. Let us continue to strive to live so we can meet those dear ones in the realms of bliss, who have gone before us. What A host have passed the flood in Streetsborough and in Tallmadge in half A century: the Cemetery in Tallmadge has become a City of the dead. Ira Patterson died A short time ago, he made his will cutting off Oscar without anything. In his last sickness Oscar was with him day and night. The old gentleman felt that Oscar was so kind to him, he relented, he obtained A promise that Oscar might share; the will being carried to the Probate Court, the report is that the heirs pay no attention to their fathers request respecting

Oscar. I often think of the winding up of the great drama of life, not only those that were near and dear to us by the ties of relationship; but those with whom we have held sweet council together, and have gone to the house of God in company, whose work is done, but being dead yet speaks. I can say that your activity in the Church in years gone by is highly spoken of by some; but who has passed through an active life in Church or Society but what some one will throw Clubs. Multitudes feel that they are unprofitable Servants in the viny and of the Lord, but time shows that their labors were blest. Your time and money were freely spent to build up that Church and it is still in operation.

Rev. Barrows of Kent has preached in Streetsborough Sabbath P.M. but rumor Says, he leaves Kent because they can not raise the Salary. My own health is as good as could be expected at my age. If I attempt to walk, I am very much troubled to breathe, and the same if I labor much. But the time will soon come, and may we labor and pray to have our work done and well done. We have had A very pleasant fall, the corn very much injured by frost in Sept. But no starvation prices is likely to arise in consequence, but some are thinking there will be hard times, and time will determine the question. Now, Bro. H. let me hear from you of your joys and sorrows. Distance forbids A personal intercourse, but we can communicate with pen.

Mrs. Abagail Sherman Died Aug 2-1883 Aged 74

Yours truly

C. C. Bronson

Early history of Streetsboro and Hudson
by Daisy Poe Pratt

From the history of the family by C. C. Bronson they first went to Shalersville and then came to Streetsboro. This town Streetsborough, Town 4-Range 9, Portage County, Ohio was originally owned by Titus Street of the city of New Haven, Connecticut. It was deeded to Mr. Street by the trustees of the Connecticut Land Company, Oct. 9-1798. The deed was recorded in the Trumbull Co. Records Feb. 5-1801. The township is 388 chains on the Northside-377 chains 79 links on the south side; 396 chains 94 links on the east side, and 401 chains on the west side. Mr. Street held back the property for many years after most of the towns of Portage Co. were organized and settled. In fact it was not surveyed except as to the bounderies until 1821 in which year Ralph Cowles laid off into 100 lots, 15.279 acres comprising the township. Mr. Street appointed Lemuel Punderson of Newberry Township as Agent for the sale of the land and $6.00 per acre was the price fixed upon, but this price was higher than other land in the county so little land was sold. Punderson died in Sept. 1823 and in Nov. 1824 Amzi Atwater of Mantua was appointed Agent and the price of the land reduced to $2.00 to $5.00 per acre. Streetsboro was the last township in the county, save Garrettsville, to be organized. At first for civil purposes it was annexed to Hudson, under the Territorial Government in 1800- then to Aurora when that town was set off from Hudson in 1806 till 1821, when it became a part of Mantua where it remained till 1827 when it became a separate township. Portage County originally included a part of Summit Co. as one of the deeds to great grandfather Nathan Gould Sherman to land in Middlebury, was as of Portage Co.

The land for the turnpike from Cleveland to Wellsville was donated by Mr. Street if the road would be run through Streetsboro. The trustees agreed and Mr. Street gave the company a deed to 840 acres of land. The turnpike was finished in 1827 and became a great thoroughfare causing settlers from all

parts of the country to flock in to buy farms at such low prices. Over this turnpike was the route followed by the famous old mail carrier Jabez Gilbert of Palmyra known as Moses Jabe and Old Moze because he swore "By Moses" and to designate him from the other two Jabez Gilberts. This is now our State Route 14 which passes our door, and the sharp curve of it going around my home is causing much discussion and months of surveying and has finally been located to go diagonally through my land for about 2000 feet cutting off my entire frontage on the present road. This was just a "Lover's Lane" when I first came to Streetsboro, there being only room on the road for two wagons to pass comfortably, and the trees met in arches over head making a very romantic drive, and the young people took advantage of it. In 1928 the axle deep mud in winter and several inches of dust in summer was replaced by a 16 foot cement pavement and this will now be widened to 40 feet through the town, while the north and south road now known as State route 43 from Cleveland to Canton was paved in 1921. The town is laid out like those in Connecticut with a square at the center laid out in 4 squares of one acre each exclusive of the roads with a stone set in the exact center with a hole drilled in the center of it, indicating the exact center of the township. Mr. Street also deeded 2 acres south of the center for a burial place and gave $60.00 to clear the trees and undergrowth from it. It is here the Weatherbees are buried. Indians frequently camped along the Cuyahoga River which flows through the eastern part of the township and people have gathered arrow heads and stone hammer heads used by them, for years in plowing up their fields. In 1835 Anna Sherman mother of Alfred H. Weatherbee's wife bought land in Streetsboro of George and Parthenia Price. And in 1838 several deeds for land was made to Nathan Gould Sherman, Huldah Weatherbee's father. On Nov. 16-1832 Titus Street through his Agent Amzi Atwater gave a deed to land in Streetsboro to Alfred H. Weatherbee - part of lots 55 and 65 for $366.92. Another deed by

Titus Street to Alfred H. Weatherbee for $367.00 for land in Streetsboro and another deed from Titus Street to Alfred H. Weatherbee in Dec. 19-1845 for land for $220.00 in Streetsboro.

And to Huldah Weatherbee by the heirs of Titus Street, parts of lots 67 and 77 for $675.00 on Aug. 29 1854.

On Nov. 3-1859 Salmon P. Chase, Gov. of Ohio, elected Alfred H. Weatherbee, Commissioner for Portage County, O. for 3 yrs. signed by Salmon P. Chase and A. T. Russell, Sec. of State. On Nov. 19-1859 Alfred H. Weatherbee appeared before Davies Lyman, Probate Judge and took oath to support the Constitution of the United States.

On Oct. 7-1842 Nathaniel and Jane Dehaven deeded Alfred H. Weatherbee of Streetsboro 154 acres for $2310.00 lot No 62.

Dec. 23-1853 Anna Sherman deeded to Alfred H. Weatherbee for $3000.00, land 155 acres and 13 acres in two lots.

ALBERT GALLATIN WETHERBY (2)

Albert G. Wetherby was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1833. While yet a boy, his parents removed to the vicinity of Cleveland. Here he obtained a rudimentary education and afterwards went to college. After his graduation, his time for several years was spent in farming in the summer and teaching a country school in winter. In 1861 he removed to Cincinnati, where he was appointed principal of the Woodburn public school. He filled this position with great acceptablility during nine years; but his friends, recognizing his broad scholarship and his special fitness to teach the natural sciences, urged his appointment to a professorship in the Cincinnati University, and in 1870 he was elected to the chair of natural history. But as the University was new and spending its money in new buildings and equipment, the chairs of geology and botany were added to his duties. Professor Wetherby was young, full of energy and enthusiasm, and during these six years of his university work, accomplished more than mortal man should have attempted. But even if he had nerves of steel, he saw that he would soon break down under this overwork, and so he resigned to accept a more lucrative position in the business world.

Professor Wetherby was a born teacher, and some of his friends thought he made the mistake of his life in resigning his chair in the University to accept a business position. But the trustees had placed upon him burdens too heavy for one man to bear, and he was too conscientious a teacher to slight his work.

His enthusiasm for his favorite studies was contagious. No one could be in his society long without feeling the wonderful magnetic power of this man. On one of his excursions with his class in geology he penetrated the wild mountain region of South Carolina. Little did he then think that this region would be his future home; that he would spend his last years among these strange people, the followers of Cromwell, who sought to hide from the wrath of Charles II in these mountain fastnesses.

He resigned his position in the Cincinnati University to become the general manager of the American and European Investment Company, which position he held for two years. During this period he made a trip to Europe to confer with financiers and scientists.

In 1886 he was made manager of a large tract of timber and mineral lands belonging to the Roan Mt. Steel and Iron Company. This appointment compelled him to remove his family to North Carolina. Here his home was located in one of the most beautiful valleys in the world, about 3000 feet above the sea level and surrounded with towering mountains. To one who was such a lover of nature this was an ideal place. Here surrounded by his interesting family he varied his other duties, which were many, by communion with nature.

His hospitality was unbounded, and his home was always open to friend or stranger and especially to any strolling naturalist, who was always sure of a hearty welcome from the professor and his estimable wife.

Professor Wetherby, while connected with the Cincinnati University, organized five expeditions for field work and study, in all of which the writer had the pleasure of being one of the party. As an organizer of a camping party, he had no superior. He was a very companionable man, could tell a story, sing a song or play on his violin to drive away the blues, when the weather was unpropitious, and could cook a meal under the most unfavorable circumstances that would satisfy the most fastidious epicure.

The naturalist's best hunting grounds are generally far from the lines of civilization. No mountain roads, however impassable, or swollen streams, could turn him from his course. Difficulties which would appall ordinary men only seemed to stimulate his indomitable will power, which always carried him safely through.

Among his numerous friends in Cincinnati, perhaps none mourned his death more than those who shared with him the joys and hardships of camp life.

Professor Wetherby was taken sick January 1st, with congestion of the lungs, at his home in Magnetic City, North Carolina. He seemed to slowly improve, when on February 10th he was taken with sinking spells due to heart failure. He died February 15th, and was buried at Magnetic City, North Carolina, February 18th, 1902.

The following papers by Prof. Wetherby appeared in the Journal of Cincinnati Natural History Society, Vols. II to VI, and Vols. XVI and XVII: Descriptions of new fossils from the Cincinnati group; also from the Subcarboniferous. Descriptions of new species of crinoids from the Kaskaskia Group; also from the Subcarboniferous. Remarks of the genus Pterocrinus. Some notes on American land shells. Trenton rocks at High Bridge, Kentucky. Remarks on the Trenton limestone of Kentucky, with descriptions of new fossils. Geographical distribution of some fresh-water mollusks of North America. Descriptions of Crinoids from the subcarboniferous of Pulaski county Kentucky. Descriptions of new fossils from Lower Silurian and Subcarboniferous of Ohio and Kentucky. Notes on Trenton fossils of Mercer Co., Kentucky. Descriptions of new fossils from the Lower Silurian and Subcarboniferous rocks of Kentucky. Directions for collecting and preparing land and fresh-water shells. Relation of mollusks to shells. Natural history notes from North Carolina.

Journal of Science, Vol. I. Description of Lepidopterous Larvae.

The following articles were published in the NAUTILUS, Vols. VIII and IX: A few notes on Helix appressa. A few notes on Helix tridentata. New records of Reversed American Helices. Remarks on the Variation in Form of the Family Strepomatidae, with descriptions of New Species; read before the Cincinnati Natural Historical Society, December 7, 1875.

Quarterly Journal of Conchology, No. 11, May 1877. "Review of the Genus Tulotoma, with remarks on the geographical distribution of the North American Viviparidae."

The above list of papers published by Professor Wetherby, though not complete, gives some idea of the versatility of his mind and his great capacity for work. His last years were spent in a careful study of mosses and grasses of the Roan Mt. region, which work, had he lived to complete it, would have been a valuable contribution to the botany of North Carolina. He made a fine collection of the smaller mammals peculiar to the Roan Mt. region, which he presented to the Smithsonian Institution. His large and valuable collection of minerals he presented to the Cincinnati University. His collection of plants, of fossils, of land and fresh-water shells, are very valuable, as they contain many unique specimens and all the types of the species described by him.

The portrait on a following page is reproduced from the last photograph which he had taken and represents Prof. Wetherby at about fifty years of age: By the Editors of Nautilus Magazine, in which the above sketch appeared.

The following notes by his daughter, Blanche Wetherby Bailey, give a more intimate description of his character and a picture of his great love of Nature.

"When father moved to North Carolina, the village in which we lived was named "Wilders Forge". There was an old Forge there that had been used to prepare iron ore for the market and was owned by General Wilder. The hills were full of magnetic ore. The Roan Mountain Steel and Iron Co. (of which father was a member) mined the ore for several years. Father had the name of the village changed to Magnetic City. It is now named Buladean. Father had a farm of four hundred acres and was the first one to bring new farming implements to that section. Mowing machines, hay rakes drawn by horses, cultivators, etc. The natives were very crude, all wore home spun clothes. Had very little money, and used to bring us eggs at ten cents per dozen, butter ten cents per pound. They called us the "firiner's" (foreigner's). All seemed to like our family. Father grew many vegetables they had never seen, and they were all very much interested in them and his method of farming.

He was doctor, lawyer and counselor to them. They came to him for every thing, and he always did all he could for them. Our farm was lovely, but of course it took years of work to make it so. We had two large fish ponds full of fish, a row boat, lovely flowers and all kinds of fruit and nut trees which were new there. We had nice horses, father always kept a nice horse for mother. It was twenty-five miles to the nearest Rail Road (Johnson City) and mother often drove there to shop, taking two days to make the trip. Besides farming father taught a private school during the winter months for several years. He and my brothers often went on collecting trips and he added many new specimens to his collection from this section. He stuffed and mounted the animals he gave to the Smithsonian Institution. I have always thought the other part of his collection (two specimens of each thing he had) was given to the University of Cincinnati instead of the Smithsonian Institution. I helped mother pack them after father passed away. We did not take his collection with us when we moved to Johnson City. Left it locked in his office. It had to be packed and taken by wagon twenty-five miles. We went back a year later to move it and some one had taken quite a few things. After mother passed away I brought the collection here.

Father was a very witty and interesting person. He told us many stories about his trips. I remember this one. He said he and three of his friends stopped at a house one night back in the wild's some place. Said they had a very nice dinner, especially the meat. After dinner they told the lady how very much they enjoyed their dinner, especially the nice meat. She said, "I am glad you enjoyed it, it is rattlesnake." Father said had they known what it was, they would not have eaten it, and all imagined later that they were sick. He used to read to us at night and often played the violin."

Albert G. Wetherby was married in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 22nd, 1869 to Mary Frances Vorhees, who was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 14th, 1853. Died July 27th, 1920.

Children:-

(1) Albert G. Wetherby - Born Cincinnati, Ohio, March 26th, 1870. Married in Bakersville, N.C. to Maymie Smith.

Parents of Bert G. Wetherby, Ella Clapp Wetherby, Frances Wetherby, Louise Isabel Wetherby, - all born in Johnson City, Tennessee.

(2) Mary Frances Wetherby - Born Cincinnati, Ohio, October 19th, 1874. Married September 17th, 1893 to J. M. Butler, Born January 3rd, 1869 at Magnetic City, N. C.

Eleven Children:-

Helen Louise Butler - Born Magnetic City, N. C., July 15th, 1894. Died March 11th, 1902.

Robert L. Butler - Born Magnetic City, N. C., September 20th, 1896. Married in Salt Lake City, Utah to Hazel Blanche Smith. Died July 21st, 1932.

Albert G. Butler - Born Magnetic City, N. C., November 24th, 1898. Married March 14th, 1922 to Jennie Rupe.

One Child:

Albert G. Butler Jr. Born December 27th, 1922.

Blanche V. Butler - Born Magnetic City, N. C., July 22nd, 1904. Married April 13th, 1923 to H. G. Peters.

Four children:

Francis Virginia Peters - Born January 20th, 1924.

Pauline Mildred Peters - Born March 29th, 1926.

Rudolph V. Peters - Born June 23rd, 1930.

Woodrow F. Peters - Born February 26th, 1934.

Dorothy V. Butler - Born Magnetic City, N. C., November 7th, 1906. Married September 11th, 1926 to Robert C. Poore.

George H. Butler - Born Magnetic City, N. C., August 13th, 1909. Married in 1931 to Bertha Radifer.

Two children:

Ernest W. Butler - Born January 22nd, 1932

George H. Butler Jr. - Born May 28th, 1933.

Ralph R. Butler - Born Magnetic City, N. C., August 13th, 1909.

Harry H. Butler - Born Magnetic City, N. C., August 6th, 1901. Died January 8th, 1935. Married November 25th, 1932 to Jessie E. Scott.

One child:

Mary Margaret Butler - Born May 30th, 1934.

Williard W. Butler - Born Dry Creek, Tenn., March 17th, 1915.

John M. Butler - Born Dry Creek, Tenn., May 14th, 1917.

Jack V. Butler - Born Embreeville, Tenn., January 15th, 1920.

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(3) Helen Brecount Wetherby - Born Cincinnati, Ohio, April 12th, 1876. Died August 28th, 1924. Married in Magnetic City, N. C., June 18th, 1896 to Harry Hall Suttle.

(4) Richard Mathers Wetherby - Born Cincinnati, Ohio, November 20th, 1878.

(5) George Hoadley Wetherby - Born Cincinnati, Ohio, December 16th, 1880. Died April 16th, 1898.

(6) Edward Cope Wetherby - Born Cincinnati, Ohio, September 20th, 1882. Married July 26th, 1903 in Magnetic City, N. C. to Sabra Ellen (Nell) Wilcox.

Six children:

Frances Elizabeth - Born August 19th, 1904 in Magnetic City, N. C. Married September 16th, 1926 in Catlettsburg, Kentucky to Homer Paul Burdette

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Mildred Lee - Born April 13th, 1907 in Magnetic City, N. C., Married November 15th, 1926, Ironton, Ohio to Jack Carl Collins.

One child:

Richard Lee Collins - Born August 7th, 1930, Huntington, W. Va.

Helen Louise - Born June 25th, 1911, Unicoi, Tenn. Married June 29th, 1929, Huntington, W. Va., to Frank Benjamin Lacock

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Miriam Virginia - Born July 30th, 1914, Unicoi, Tenn.

Billie Nelle - Born August 11th, 1924, Huntington, W. Va.

Edna Christine - June 5th, 1916, Elizabethtown, Tenn. Married July 15th, 1936, Ironton, Ohio to Fred E. Floyd.

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(7) Blanche Violet Wetherby - Born September 21st, 1884, Cincinnati, Ohio. Married June 9th, 1907, Johnson City, Tenn., to Harry Bailey.

Children:

Harry Bailey Jr. - Born August 23rd, 1908, Johnson City, Tenn., Married November 24th, 1928, Asheville, N. C., to Kathleen Mary Lyons.

One son:

Harry Richard - Born July 28th, 1933.

One daughter:

Marcia Ann - Born July 4th, 1936, Penland, N. C.

Virginia Wetherby Bailey - Born March 27th, 1910. Married June 24th, 1934 to Harrison Baird Jr.

Mary Louise Bailey - Born June 4th, 1918.

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(8) Louise Isabel Wetherby - Born September 4th, 1889, Magnetic City, N. C. Married May 19th, 1907, Johnson City, Tenn., to Emmett Painter.

(9) Carrick Wilcox Wetherby - Born April 3rd, 1891, Magnetic City, N. C. Died November 8th, 1928. Married June 25th, 1920, Johnson City, Tenn., to Nora Weaver - Died 1923.

One daughter:

Helen Emogine - Born November 25th, 1922.

(10) Lillian Mildred - Born August 16th, 1895, Magnetic City, N. C. Died February 3rd, 1916.

(11) Georgia Suttle Wetherby - Born October 13th, 1898, Magnetic City, N. C.

(12) Marcia Valeria Wetherby - Born June 19th, 1893, Magnetic, N. C. Married January 27th, 1915 to John Silas Garrett II, Born June 4th, 1892.

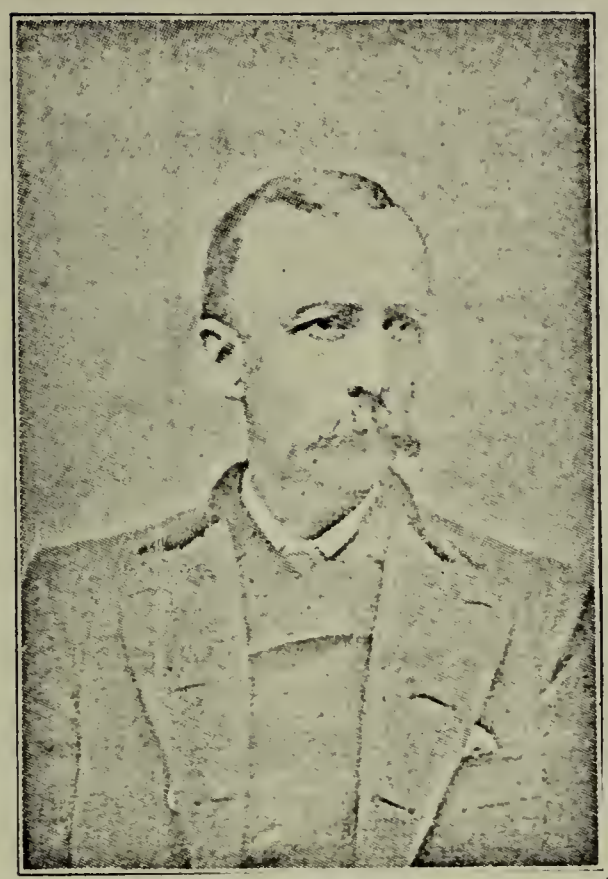
One son:

John Silas Garrett III - Born May 18th, 1918. Died September 8th, 1920.

Two daughters:

Marcia Wetherby Garrett - Born April 15th, 1923.

June Garrett - Born June 3rd, 1925.



Albert Gallatin Wetherby (2)

Mary Frances Vorhees Wetherby

RALPH MARTIN WEATHERBY

Ralph Martin Weatherby was the son of Albert Gallatin Weatherby and Wilhelmina Pauline Auchenbaugh Weatherby and was born in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, April 25, 1837. His father, who was by trade a carpenter and joiner, migrated to Pennsylvania from Rutland, Vermont, about 1832 and settled in Pittsburgh, where he had been engaged to superintend the construction of an aqueduct to carry water to the City of Pittsburgh. His mother, Wilhelmina Auchenbaugh, was born in Bavaria and migrated to America when a child. Ralph was the second of five children.

About the year 1838, the family of Albert G. Weatherby migrated to the "Western Reserve" in northern Ohio, and settled on a farm in Geauga County. When Ralph was thirteen years old his father died. His mother was left with five small children, and with her limited means found it impossible to keep the family together. Ralph went to make his home with his uncle, Hardin Weatherby, on a farm near Streetsboro, Portage County, Ohio. He lived with his uncle until he was about sixteen years old. During the next eight years of his life he "worked out" on the farms of Uri Seeley and a Mrs. White, near Painesville in Lake County, Ohio.

At the breaking out of the Civil War Ralph enlisted in Co. G, 2nd Ohio Volunteer Cavalry under Colonel Doubleday. His regiment, after being mustered in at Painesville and trained at Camp Denison, was sent to Ft. Leavenworth to assist in putting down the "Border Warfare" then being waged along the Kansas-Missouri border. In a skirmish at Cowskin Prairie in southwestern Missouri, he was thrown from his horse and run over by a six-horse ambulance and was seriously injured. He was taken to the govern-

ment hospital at Ft. Leavenworth where he remained for six months and was then invalided home. Later, when his regiment was being recruited preparatory to being sent to the South, he asked permission to rejoin, but was refused because of physical disability, and was given an honorable discharge from the service.

Upon receiving his discharge Ralph returned to the farm of Mrs. White from which he had gone to enlist in the army. When the great movement of eastern people to the west began at the close of the war, he was seized with the "Western Fever", and in March, 1867 he migrated to Missouri, landing at the little town of Mooresville in Livingston County. On his way from Ohio to Missouri he stopped at Quincy, Illinois, bought a team of mules, a set of harness and a wagon. With this equipment he drove from Quincy to Mooresville, Missouri. Soon after his arrival in Missouri, he joined with a war-time comrade, August Yahns, in the purchase of 160 acres of land located in Monroe Township six miles south of Mooresville and about two miles west of the present town of Ludlow. Soon afterward he was joined by his brothers, Albert G. and George W. Weatherby. The four men - all bachelors - worked together, built a log house to live in and split rails to fence the farm. Pioneering did not suit Albert G., and after teaching school a year in the new country, he returned to Ohio. George W. remained in Missouri, and some five years later established the first nursery in Livingston County.

In the meantime the Richard Lee family, the Robinson family, and others, all of Painesville, Ohio, had come to Missouri and had settled in the same neighborhood. As the result of the neighborly sociability that developed in the new community, Ralph met Miss Jennie Hale Robinson, and the friendship that followed soon ripened into courtship which culminated in their marriage on March 17, 1870. Jennie's brother, Richard Hale Robinson, and his bride, Elizabeth Dale, were married at the same time, the double cermony being per-

formed by Rev. Proctor, a neighborhood minister.

About the time they were married Ralph sold his interest in the Monroe Township farm, and with his bride rented and moved to a farm in Green Township, near Utica, in the same County. His brother, George W., made his home with them here for a year or two, and here their first child was born, a son.

In the year 1872, Ralph purchased eighty acres of land adjoining the farm on which he had been living and moved to the new farm in the spring of 1872. This was an unimproved eighty acres of prairie land, much of it covered with hazel brush which had to be broken out with an ox team. A one-room house was built into which the family moved, and here the second child, a daughter, was born. This farm was sold in 1875, and the family resided for a short time in Utica. Here the third child was born, a son. The purchaser being unable to pay for the farm, Ralph took a deed back and the family returned to the farm in the spring of 1878 and continued to live there for many years. During these years adjoining lands were acquired until the entire farm comprised 215 acres, the one-room house, remodeled and enlarged from time to time, was replaced by a handsome house of ten rooms, a large barn was constructed, and many other improvements made.

In 1903 the farm was sold, and Ralph and Jennie moved to Excelsior Springs, Missouri. They lived in that city for a few years, afterward moving to Kansas City, Missouri, where they spent the remaining years of their lives, Jennie passing away on May 30, 1912 and Ralph on January 2, 1922. They both lie buried in the Monroe Center Cemetery in the neighborhood where they settled upon first coming to Missouri.

Ralph M. Weatherby, the Man.

Ralph M. Weatherby was a man far above the average in physical strength and endurance. He stood six feet tall, weighed 190 pounds and was as straight as an arrow. He was athletic in his build and in his tendencies. He enjoyed feats of strength and physical sports of all kinds. As a young man before the invention of the mower and the reaper he learned to use the scythe and the grain cradle. He was an expert with an ax. He loved to wrestle, and during the war was regarded as the best wrestler in his company, and one of three best in his regiment. This alertness and physical strength and vigor remained with him to a remarkable degree throughout a long life and almost to the day of his death.

He was a natural born farmer. He loved the farm and everything about it. While he raised all kinds of live stock on his farm, he was particularly fond of cattle and hogs, and had the reputation of being one of the best cattle and hog feeders for miles around. The day was never too stormy nor the night too dark for him to give to his animals the attention and care they needed. His farm was a model of neatness. The buildings and fences were always kept in repair, the gates were well hung, the farm machinery was housed when not in use, and the barn lots, fields and fence rows were kept neat and clean. All in all, he was an ideal farmer.

He was what might be termed a self-educated man. Although his boyhood circumstances did not permit him to attend school after he was twelve years of age, he cultivated a habit of reading and was a lover of good literature. He liked poetry and could quote long passages from the poets, from Shakespeare and from the Bible. Good magazines, among them the Atlantic Monthly, were to be found in his home. He was a subscriber to a metropolitan daily newspaper in a day when anything but a weekly paper was an exception upon the farm. He took a deep interest

in the political and economic affairs of the country. He adhered to the Republican Party, and cast his first vote for John C. Fremont, the first presidential candidate of that party.

Although of an intensely practical nature, he liked fun. He enjoyed a joke, he liked to hear a good story and to tell one, he was fond of good music, enjoyed a good play, and all his life he liked to dance. He was a good whistler and could whistle dozens of tunes, always whistling them out of the side of his mouth.

He was a man of exceptional habits. He used neither liquor nor tobacco in any form. He was steady and dependable, never neglecting "his job" for any purpose whatever. He was a man of strong convictions, and was possessed of a hot and hasty temper that often lead him to do and say impetuous things that he immediately regretted. But his inate good sense and sober judgment held him back from ever doing anything that would get himself or any one else into trouble. When the local school board held to their determination to build a new school house on the corner of his farm in spite of his offer to buy them any other location they might select at his own expense, he accepted the situation and turned it to his own advantage by securing the job of hauling the material for the new building. Common sense and judgment triumphed in the end over impatience and injured pride, but he was never fully reconciled to this unnecessary impairment of his fine farm.

He was a man of somewhat contradictory nature - tender hearted, he adopted a gruff manner to conceal the fact; severe and hard at times, he wept when his cows were sold on the final sale.

He believed in order and system and plan, and applied these to everything he did. He disciplined himself and excercised discipline within his household. He was a law abiding citizen and he expected that attitude in every other man. He was a man of honor and integrity, opposed

to driving a hard bargain, to double dealing or to taking advantage of his neighbor in any way. Upright, dependable and honest, with him a promise was made to be kept, and of him it may truly be said, "His word was as good as his bond".

Author's note.

Never lived a finer uncle and a sweeter aunt, than this fine fellow and his wife.

One can recall so many, many happy times upon visits in their home while a boy and a young man.

All entered into the fun. Two mischievous sons, a daughter, the sweet and jolly mother and Uncle Ralph. While inclined to be stern, his sternness was only a cloak where clean fun was to be had. A tune from a harmonica, guitar or music box would start his whistling and oft times jigging. One was always welcome to go with him on roamings around the farm. Down through the orchard, out to the big barn, to the feed lots, the watering troughs, across the meadows and through corn and wheat fields. Always he would take the youngsters with him on his trips to town and to the mill. And the thrill received from riding with him on his big horse has never left one. Wonderful memories, all.

While never having had the pleasure of meeting and knowing the other uncles and aunts of the family, who no doubt would have afforded the same degree of enjoyment, one can realize how much has been lost through this.

Every opportunity has been accepted, however, to meet their descendants and some nice friendships have developed.

Too often the members of a second generation may have little interest in another branch of the family. Maybe through lack of contact, possibly due to some little prejudice but usually from the broad assump-

tion that people are only people.

Admitting this, however, one still finds that when he chooses from among these people one whom he wishes for a friend, there is an added zest to the friendship when he is conscious that the same blood runs through their veins.

It has always been the author's regret that he did not have the opportunity of knowing the other uncles and aunts.

Ralph Martin and Jennie Robinson Weatherby were the parents of four children - three sons and one daughter.

1. Albert Thaine Weatherby, born 1871, Utica, Missouri. Married Oct. 11th, 1905, Dawn, Missouri, to Flora Culver - born August 21st, 1876.
2. Elizabeth Ardelle Weatherby, born 1873, Utica, Missouri. Died Pleasant Hill, Missouri, March 26th, 1936. Interment Bryant Cemetery, Belton, Missouri. Married March 14th, 1894 at Chillicothe, Missouri to Albert T. Shields, born 1861, Hampton, Missouri.

Children:

Jennie Jeannette Shields, born 1895 near Dawn, Missouri. Died March 10th, 1921, Belton, Missouri. Interment Bryant Cemetery, Belton, Missouri. Married February 25th _____ at Liberty, Missouri to Homer Thoro, born 1892 at Yorkville, Illinois.

Two sons - Ralph Flint Thoro, born 1916 at Harrisonville, Missouri.

Homer Harold Thoro, born 1921, Harrisonville, Missouri. Died January 31st, 1921, Belton, Missouri. Interment Bryant Cemetery, Belton, Missouri.

Ralph Shields, born 1897, Dawn, Missouri. Married September 23rd, 1917 at Kansas City, Missouri to Olive Shields, born 1900 at Blue Springs, Missouri. Have one son, Albert J. Shields, born 1918,

Independence, Missouri. One daughter, Lois Lucille Shields, born 1925, Belton, Missouri.

Oakie Shields, born 1901, Ponca City, Oklahoma. Married October 11th, 1919 at Harrisonville, Missouri to George Gray, born 1894, Pleasant Hill, Missouri. One son, Farold Dean Gray, born 1920, Pleasant Hill, Missouri.

Pauline Shields, born 1909, Waldron, Missouri. Married May 2nd, 1931 at Belton, Missouri to Clarence Stine, born 1909, Passaic, Missouri. One son, Elwood James Stine, born 1935, Pleasant Hill, Missouri.

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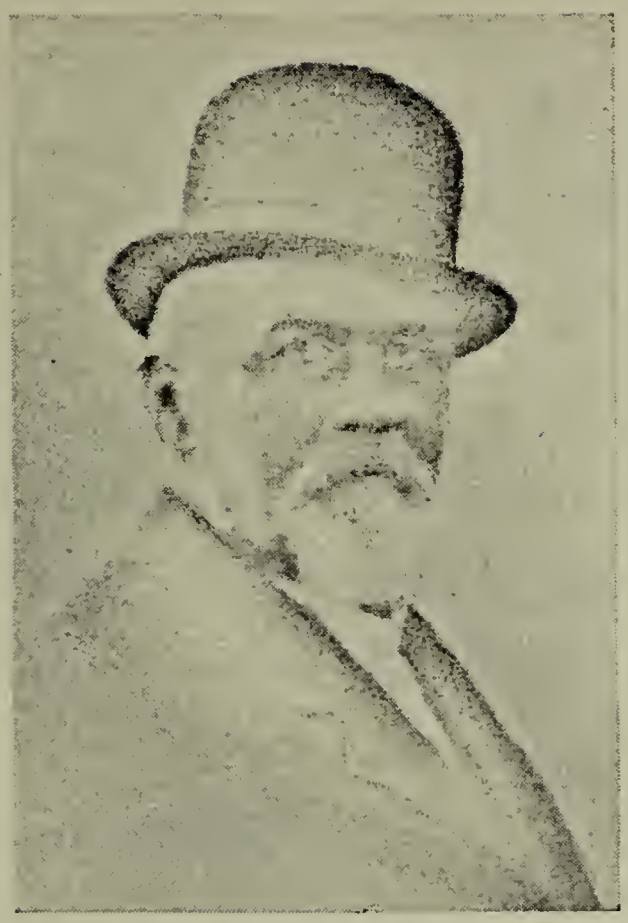
3. Glenn Cookson Weatherby, born January 9th, 1876 at Utica, Missouri. Married August 7th, 1901, Utica, Missouri to Lucy Cox, born April 22nd, 1878, Utica, Missouri.

   One son, Forrest Cox Weatherby, born May 12th, 1903, Kirksville, Missouri.

4. Ralph Martin Weatherby Jr., born 1879, Utica, Missouri. Died 1879.



Ralph Martin Weatherby

Jennie Robinson Weatherby

Ralph Martin Weatherby
(About 1865)

Jennie Hale Robinson
(About 1870)

JOHN WEATHERBY

He was the third child and third son of Albert Gallatin Weatherby, born _____ in Streetsborough, Ohio. Little is recorded of his early life. He was a smart fellow and could learn anything. He was handy with all kinds of tools. The only trade he ever followed was that of harness and saddle maker.

He was eccentric, had a very high temper, had a roving foot, was discontented with his lot always, inclined to be argumentative, extravagant and irascible.

In early life he suffered a sun-stroke and after that was subject to epilepsy. In one of these attacks he fell into an open fireplace and was so badly burned that his leg had to be amputated. The handicap of a wooden-leg had little effect on his roving disposition, and no one place held him for a great while.

Over a period of years he would occasionally show up at the home of his brothers, Ralph or George. They would get him some new clothes, give him a job on the farm or in the nursery, or if he preferred they would find him work with some one else. He would remain for a time but as the notion might strike him, day or night, he would leave and might be gone for months before returning. This happened time after time, but invariably, he would leave without a moment's notice and be on his way.

After many of these periodical visits to his brothers, he left and never returned. Up to this time he had never married. No word was ever received from him and no success was had in attempts to locate him and to ascertain something as to his whereabouts.

MARY ELIZABETH WEATHERBY OWEN

Mary Elizabeth, the fourth child and only daughter of Albert Gallatin and Wilhelmina Weatherby was born in 1846 in Streetsboro, Ohio. While quite young her father died. Although the father left the family in poor circumstances, the mother held the family together as long as possible.

But with the task too great, the youngest brother, George, was cared for by his Aunt Rebecca Northam. The oldest brother, Albert, taught school and the second son, Ralph, went to live with his uncle, Hardin Weatherby.

For several years after the death of the father, the mother, Mary and a brother, John, lived together.

At a very young age, for such work, Mary began teaching in the Summit County schools. By this means and with the assistance of the older brothers Mary retained the home for her mother until her marriage and following her marriage, had the mother with her until the mother's death.

Whether due to circumstances, to a mother's preference, or to a daughter's devotion, the burden, though a loving one, of caring for the mother, following Mary's marriage, was undeserved and a task for which one could not be compensated. While financial assistance, more or less from the brothers no doubt helped, it was the person assuming the responsibility who was entitled to and who should and did receive all the credit.

Mary was a wonderful school teacher and her pupils to this day say "she just made them learn." There was no half-way measure with her. Pupils were compelled to learn their lessons or she would know the reason why. She enthused her pupils and every one around her to greater

efforts.

Mary was married to Moses Owen in 1868 at Ravenna, Ohio. To them were born three sons and two daughters.

While Mary's brothers possessed talent and preference along agricultural and horticultural lines, her talents were reflected through her children along musical, mechanical, inventive and business lines. It has been said that "Mary was Weatherby to the backbone"-- unyielding, set and determined that everything must give way to her desires for the success of her children while she constantly encouraged them to greater efforts. This grand quality was rewarded in the success of her children. The daughter, Isora, developed into a fine vocalist and following her studying in Germany would no doubt have reached the operatic stage, save for her untimely death.

Her two oldest sons were pioneers in the automobile business. The second son having built one of the first automobiles. He also became sales agent, taking the entire production of a large automobile manufacturer and over a period of years became nationally known as a distributor and merchandiser of automobiles.

The first son became general manager of the largest automobile manufacturer of that time. He also was a pioneer in planning auto routes throughout the country -- from the Atlantic coast to the Rockies-- Canada to the Gulf -- before good roads, as we know them, were given much thought. His inventive contributions to the development of the automobile were many. As you ride along in your car today and shift the gears for any purpose, just pause and reflect that this is the man that gave motordom the universal gear shift, standard on all cars, which enables you to change your speeds from low to second and to high with ease and efficiency. The third son became known statewide in Illinois as a distributor and merchandiser of automobiles.

Mary Weatherby possessed a keen penetrating intelligence and brilliant mind. With her unflinching courage and determination it was natural that she stood head and shoulders above most women of her time and was a constant source of strength, and a great influence for good among her friends. If her early life was one of struggle, she possibly considered it as a hardening crucible necessary to fit her for the years to come. Certainly she was not one to whine or complain over her lot.

A truly fine character, passionately devoted to family, and loyal to friends, her readiness to place the welfare of others before considering herself is easily understandable. Gifted with quick and ready sympathy and understanding wisdom, she was highly esteemed and respected by everyone who knew her. Of Mary Weatherby it may be said: "She was a woman of fine ideals and remarkable character, capable and kind, helping others along life's highway as she moved along. A noble, gallant lady, who was a perfect wife and mother."

Mary Weatherby Owen passed away in 1901 at Cleveland, Ohio and her husband, Moses Owen, in 1920, in the same city.

Mary Elizabeth Weatherby - Born in 1846, Streetsboro, Ohio. Died 1901 at Cleveland, Ohio. Interment in Kent, Ohio Cemetery. Married at Ravenna, Ohio in 1868 to Moses Owen - Born 1846, Kent, Ohio. Died at Cleveland, Ohio, 1920. Interment Kent, Ohio Cemetery.

Children:

1. Ralph Rubert Owen - Born 1869, Kent, Ohio. Married 1892 at Wellsville, Ohio to Ida May McCullough - Born 1870, Wellsville, Ohio.

   Two sons:

   John McCullough Owen - Born 1893, Cleveland, Ohio.

   Ralph Raymond Owen, Jr. - Born 1899, Cleveland, Ohio. Died 1926, Pelham Manor, New York. Interment Wellsville, Ohio.

2. Isora Edith Owen - Born 1870, Kent, Ohio. Died 1905, Pelham Manor, New York. Interment, Kent, Ohio.

3. Raymond Moses Owen - Born 1872, Bedford, Ohio. Married 1896, Youngstown, Ohio, to Jessie Snow Carson - Born 1873, Wilmington, Delaware.

   Three children:

   Mary Louise Owen - Born 1901, Cleveland, Ohio. Died 1905, New York City. Interment New York City.

   Jessie Owen - Born 1905, New York City. Married 1929, Pelham, New York to Roderic Green Collins - Born 1905, New York City.

   Raymond Moses Owen Jr. - Born 1909, New York City. Married 1934, Greenwich, Conn. to Gladys Muriel Rungee - Born 1912.

4. Josephine Mary Owen - Born 1875, Brecksville, Ohio. Married 1897, Cleveland, Ohio to Julius W. Gogarn - Born 1869, Houghton, Michigan. Died 1931, New Haven, Conn. Interment Kent, Ohio.

One child:

Gladys Gogarn - Born 1899, Dowagiac, Michigan. Married 1922.

5. Otto Clyde Owen - Born August 28th, 1879, Streetsboro, Ohio. Married June 10th, 1907 at Cleveland, Ohio to Louise Eyerdam - Born February 21st, 1879 at Cleveland, Ohio.

Two daughters and one son:

Mary Louise Owen - Born March 28th, 1908, Chicago, Illinois. Married April 25th, 1936 at Winter Haven, Florida to Robert Lee Kramer - Born December 23rd, 1908, Plainfield, New Jersey.

Betty Eugenia Owen - Born September 2nd, 1909, Chicago, Illinois. Married December 19th, 1931 at Niles Center, Illinois to William Jackson Babcock - Born April 4th, 1906 at Rock Island, Illinois.

Two sons:

William Jackson Babcock Jr. - Born March 20th, 1933, Evanston, Illinois.

Owen Babcock - Born November 23rd, 1935, Evanston, Illinois.

Otto Clyde Owen Jr. - Born March 17th, 1911 at Chicago, Illinois.

Mary Elizabeth Weatherby Owen

Moses Owen

GEORGE WALLINGFORD WEATHERBY

George Wallingford Weatherby, the fifth and youngest child of Albert Gallatin Weatherby was born October third, 1846 at Streetsborough, Ohio.

At four years of age his father died and the family being in poor circumstances, George, shortly following, made his home with his aunt, Rebecca Weatherbee Northam.

His aunt was a wonderful woman and cared for him in a dutiful way. Being a stern woman with a keen sense of duty and obligation, her attentions to George were more of the material and religious than of the motherly and sentimental type. Little incidents related by him in later life bare out these opinions. George was industrious with plenty of initiative. At one time his Uncle George Northam, an extremely fatherly man, had a potato patch which was not doing well. He gave it up and let it go to weeds. George asked his uncle if he could have it and his uncle gladly gave it to him. George cleaned it up and in the fall had a nice lot of potatoes. His uncle remarked to his wife, George's Aunt Rebecca, that George had worked hard and that he must have something nice for his boyish efforts. Her answer was "George will get his share."

Another time George asked his uncle for a little plot of ground on which to grow something for himself. His uncle was very pleased and gave it to him. George devoted the little plot to growing sugar cane. In the fall Uncle George helped him cut and strip it and with George took it to the cane mill. Again his uncle remarked to the Aunt that George had worked hard to produce the molasses and he should be compensated for it. The Aunt's reply was, "I will make him a nice cake."

On the other hand his Aunt saw that he was well fed and clothed, gave him the rudimentary schooling that those times afforded and saw that he attended Sunday School regularly, at the Congregational Church in Painsville,

four miles away, of which she was a member and attended regularly. During this period, the boy read the Bible complete from cover to cover and in later years developed a very wide knowledge of its contents.

His boyhood life was much like that of other boys during the time, going to school and helping his uncle with the farm. Later he worked for a Mr. Merrill, a fruit grower and nursery man. This period had a marked influence upon him and was instrumental in shaping his future career.

Along about this time the Civil War began. Incidents here mark the first demonstration of the love of two brothers. His brother, Ralph, nine years older and a fine physical specimen of a man, who lived with Alfred Hardin Weatherbee, and later with Mr. Seeley and a Mrs. White, enlisted in the cavalry for service in the War. Before leaving to join his company, he rode over to say good-bye to his brother. Many times, years later, George related the incident. How Ralph rode up, did not dismount, but reached down, took George by the arm, drew him up and sat him on the saddle in front, and there in that position they said their farewells and good-byes. Many letters passed between the brothers the following three years.

At the last call for volunteers, George, being eighteen years of age, wished to enlist. In the meantime, Ralph having been returned home, owing to an injury from an army ambulance, would not listen to it and discouraged George from going to war; Ralph had experienced army life and knew what it was. The war came to a close soon afterwards.

From this point on the lives of the two brothers were closely associated. Ralph, during his service with the U. S. Cavalry in Missouri, had taken notice of the beautiful rolling lands in the north west section of the state. Following the war, he, his brothers George and Albert, and a Mr. Yahns decided to locate in Missouri. Ralph was the first to go, meeting Mr. Yahns in Missouri. George and Albert followed.

Leaving Streetsborough, Ohio, going via Cincinnati and West to Quincy, Illinois, they traveled over the old Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad, the first railroad built across the State of Missouri, to Mooresville. A short distance south they located, at what is now known as Monroe Township, Caldwell County, near the town of Ludlow.

George's experience here the first few years was similar to that of all early pioneers. Helping with the clearing of land, growing food stuffs and general work incidental to settling in a new country. Wild game was plentiful. Wild geese and turkey were so abundant that prairie chickens, wild ducks, and quail were considered as of minor value. His satisfaction of having shot a wild goose with a rifle will prove to any hunter that geese were abundant. That he did not aim at the goose, but shot into the flock indicates the large number that were in the air.

To obtain a winter's supply of honey one only needed to go into the timber and locate a bee-tree. Often as much as a washtub full could be had from one tree.

Nature also provided a plentiful supply of hickory nuts, hazel nuts, black walnuts, blackberries, dewberries, and wild crabapples.

As time went on, and wishing to add to the few dollars which could be earned at that time, he began to do a little trapping. Having some success, he prepared himself with a quantity of traps of various sizes and for several seasons did quite well. To reach the trapping grounds he had a little Indian pony. But once there he must be prepared to cross the river, lakes, and sloughs, to go in and out and about to reach his traps, always set at advantageous points. A boat was necessary. But how could a boat be moved from lake to lake. His pony, Jim, was the answer. George built a small boat of only sufficient size to carry his weight and a few traps. When the boat was to be moved to another lake, it would be taken out of the water, stood on end lean-

ing against the pony. After mounting the pony, he would draw the boat up and carried it in front of him cross-wise of the pony. This little boat was George's great pride for many years, and the writer can recall when he, as a little boy, would look at the little boat and wonder how any one would risk his life with it upon the water.

About this time a new period in George's life begins. On a cold rainy day, riding down a country lane, he comes upon an enjoyable situation. A beautiful girl, a pony, and impassable mud hole. His proffered help is accepted. He takes down a panel of rail fence, they ride around the mud hole, and he has met Mary Louise Wilson. She was one of twelve children, four daughters and eight sons. Five of her brothers, James, David, John, Mattison, and Hiram, having served through four years of the Civil War, had returned to their home. George meets the family and becomes a welcome friend. Many are his stories of the good times with fine friends - parties, husking bees and debating societies. His interest in debates was intense, as he had become an habitual reader and was concerned with all subjects and questions of the day.

His brother, Ralph, had married and located two miles south of Utica, Missouri. For a time George lived with Ralph and his wife, and now became interested in preparing to follow the career for which he had discovered he had a liking, while a boy working in Ohio for a Mr. Merrill. He becomes a salesman for the Phoenix Nurseries of Bloomington, Illinois, working throughout his local territory. (In those days colored photos and plates of fruits were unknown. Salesmen carried sample cases, containing the actual fruit preserved in glass jars with alcohol. One of his black walnut sample cases is still in the writer's possession.)

Ambition to get ahead prompts him to soon start planning something for himself. He contracts to buy eighty acres of land one mile southwest of Utica, Missouri, lying East, South, and West of the Utica Cemetery and crossed on the west end by the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad. This tract was about

one and one-half miles from the farm of his brother, Ralph.

A one room house was built. He married Mary Louise Wilson January 12, 1873, and they started housekeeping in the new house on the new place. He was then twenty-six years old, married, had a tract of land in his name, and his career as a nurseryman began.

An incident here shows his initiative and thoroughness. For the new home no water was available on the place which necessitated carrying all water used for a distance of a quarter of a mile. One dry, hot August afternoon he noticed beneath an Osage Orange tree a damp place in the sand. Reasoning that there was cause for this, his conclusion was that water was near. He decided to dig a well. At eighteen feet he found a fine vein of water, giving them a plentiful supply. He dug the well by himself, lifting the sand and clay, as the well grew deeper, by shoveling from an improvised shelf to shelf to the outside. He traded work with a neighbor, who had a team, for hauling the rock for walling the well. All this work was done by himself, and today, sixty-five years later, the well of fine water remains. The wall is as good as the day it was built.

As the years went by George and his brother, Ralph, were very close, each interested in the other's welfare. Little incidents best illustrate their feelings for each other.

In the early days, following the Civil War, prejudices were deep seated and feelings ran high. George, well read, a man of his convictions and outspoken, resented a slur from a Rebel sympathizer and proceeded to call him down. The other gentleman became angered and passed the word around that he would get the D--- Yankee. Brother Ralph heard of the threat, at once mounted his horse, came to town, sought out the gentleman who made the threat and quickly impressed him with the fact that the sooner he cooled off the better it would be for him.

Upon another occasion George and a friend of long standing got into an altercation with the result the friend struck George and knocked him over. Big

brother heard about it, came to town, brought the two together, learned the facts, found the friend was in the wrong, demanded an apology from him, received it and all three became friends for life.

The period following, 1872 to 1890, was one of hopes, disappointments, courage and success. A modest start from growing sweet potatoes and Osage Orange for farm hedges to the growing of eighty acres, solidly planted, of fruit trees, shrubbery and ornamentals was the answer to George's boyish wish to become a nursery-man. The products from his nursery became widely known and were the plantings for many of the farm and commercial orchards of North Missouri.

Only one with such an ambition and determination to succeed and blessed with a willingness to work, regardless of hours, rain or shine, hot or cold, could have accomplished what he started out to do. Beginning with the growing of sweet potatoes, a small amount of money was accumulated. Living expenses, though meager through necessity, interest and taxes, left little to show for the season's work. With all of this and the usual handicaps of poor crops and low prices, he still was able to make a small, but slow and sure progress.

With the accumulation of a few hundred dollars he began to grow Osage Orange. Hedge fences were beginning to displace rail fences. The demand for Osage Orange continued but to an abated degree upon the advent of barbed wire fences.

The results from this period enabled him to make the start in growing nursery products, fruit trees, shrubs, and ornamentals. For a time a specialty was made of growing Soft Maple and Catalpa for shade trees.

From this point his business gradually gathered momentum and about 1878 he was in a position to engage representatives for the sale of his nursery products. In later years, while at the peak of his business, he had fifty-one agents representing him throughout Missouri, Kansas, and Eastern Nebraska.

With sufficient working capital to expand his plantings and a good outlet for his products he soon gained a place among the leading nurserymen of the day.

In 1884, the family, then including two daughters and two sons, moved to the town of Utica, where better housing and schools were available. The first place occupied was the Tracy home, and later Matson, Fink and Mitchell places. These homes were only rented, awaiting the materialization of plans to move his business and home to the County Seat, Chillicothe, a small city of 8000 population. Here in Utica, a daughter, his youngest child was born.

The writer recalls an incident, happening along about this time, indicative of the brothers' deep concern for each other. We were all at the noonday meal when a messenger brought the news that a large sweep rake, which Ralph was repairing, had fallen upon him and badly broken his leg. George was heartbroken. Again the brotherly spirit prevailed. Without delay George had a nursery crew of several men in his brother's hay field, and they put away the crop before rain or weather could damage it.

Back and forth, over the years, such aid as this was given by one to the other.

In 1889, with a group of associates, the Citizen's National Bank of Chillicothe was organized. The bank prospered and today is a bank with $2,000,000 assets, the only bank in the town, and the only one of five which withstood the 1929-34 depression. George became the last surviving director of the original board and his original stock is now owned by his namesake of the third generation.

In 1890 a home and several acres of ground were acquired in the north west section of Chillicothe, the Livingston County Seat. Also a tract of land on the southern boundary of the city. Greenhouses were built at the home place and a retail and wholesale florist business established to operate in connection with the nursery business. An ambition of years to be in a position to

grow flowers was realized. And the most was made of the facilities of a business to also follow a hobby. In addition to growing cut flowers, bedding plants and a general line of greenhouse products, a start was made in collecting rare unusual plants and flowers, and was continued for several years.

The writer has visited many of the finest greenhouses and conservatories and was surprised to find that few offered a better selection of ferns, palms, orchids, begonias, fancy caladiums, crotons, and unusual plants.

A great pride was taken in the grounds surrounding his home. Every season saw new plantings and the place attracted many flower lovers and visitors. A lily pond was an important feature. Here, again his collection was very fine. Egyptian and American Lotus, Victoria Regia, Zanzibarenthis - night blooming lillies, hardy and tender varieties, poppies, hyacinths, and many others.

While not a botanist in the scientific sense of the word, his knowledge of plant life was profuse - Botanical names of trees, plants and flowers, species and varieties, he knew on sight by the hundreds. His love of flowers was unbounded. A beautiful plant or flower he would examine, admire and fondle as one might a pet.

This decade of his life was one of enjoyment of his plants and flowers. But with this happiness came sorrow from the tragic loss of a son and the passing of a daughter. Following these events and with added years, the enthusiasm began to lessen. And later with the loss of the greenhouses from a fire, preparations were made to retire from the Nursery business.

A large part of 1905 and 1906 was devoted to travel. In the summer of 1906 he moved to Chicago, where a son and two daughters then lived. Following the loss of the eldest daughter in 1907, his time was divided between Chicago, Florida and California. In 1923 he moved to San Antonio, Texas, seeking a healthful climate for his wife. Following four years residence and the passing of his wife, Mary Louise, Chicago became his permanent home.

Although an inveterate reader during the busy part of his life, his retirement from business gave him ample time for reading, study and observation. Having a retentive mind, he accumulated, over the years, a fund of knowledge and information which to the writer and his friends was little short of astounding. The writer can honestly say that he remembers few subjects brought up for discussion that could not be handled intelligently and convincingly by this seeker of truths and facts.

Newspapers, magazines and radio kept him posted on the news and doings of the day. No time was devoted to fiction. Every article or book which might attract his attention must contain useful information, else little time was had for it.

His knowledge was general and covered a wide range of subjects. Politics, Government, History and Religion were subjects upon which he could convincingly discourse, and while keenly interested in these, it did not detract from his interest in general subjects.

Emerson, Shakespeare, Milton, Bryant, Byron, and Tennyson were among his favorite poets and authors.

(This recalls a long motor trip taken several years ago, where from the rear seat of the car and with a toy megaphone jokingly given him by his daughter, he regaled us for hours with poetry and selections from his favorite authors. All from memory. His recitations and readings marked with his natural humor made rare entertainment.)

In politics, he was a Republican with Progressive leanings.

In religion, a seeker for the truth and facts. Never a church member, but a supporter of and a believer in the good of the Church.

His amusements included Chess, Tennis and Roque. Beginning when a young man, and on through life, he enjoyed a game of Chess. (When past seventy-five years of age, with a jack knife and a file he made a beautiful set of Chess.

The black men made from rose leaves and the white men made from Osage Orange procured from his old place and from trees he had planted fifty years before. These Chess men are now the writer's prize possession.)

He was playing Tennis when fifty years and more of age. During the later years of his life, Chess and Roque held his preference. Ocean fishing was indulged in to quite some extent while in California and Florida.

Cherished memories of this man are many. The respect and loyalty which he received from his associates and employees is an outstanding one. Honest to a fault, fair and humane, a helping hand was always ready to aid those whose misfortunes were brought to his attention. On occasional return visits to Utica in later years, it was an inspiration to see him meet his old employees, the few who were remaining, both white and colored and to note the genuine pleasure derived from these visits.

A never-ending pleasure to the writer are the memories of the happy times given him by this man. The joy of a birthday, a Christmas, a Fourth of July, a circus, the first pony, the first trip to St. Louis, a visit to the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, 1893, to the Trans Mississippi Exposition, Omaha, 1898, and so on and on.

His perfect understanding, his full appreciation of efforts large and small, his confidence and companionship have been an inspiration throughout the years.

Thus was the life of a good American, a respected citizen, a devoted husband and father, and a fine friend. One who lived an interesting life over the span of years from the expiring period of candles and ox carts to the present period of miraculous developments in science, education, industry and transportation.

A man who contributed his bit to the betterment of civilization and his country.

He passed away in his eighty-seventh year, March 18th, 1933, in Chicago. At his request, his ashes were placed in the same urn with those of his wife, Mary Louise, who died November 17th, 1926, and interred in the family lot in Edgewood Cemetery, Chillicothe, Missouri.

Note -

The writer calls attention to the musical talent which runs through the Weatherby families. Ebenezer was a fine violinist. His son Albert Gallatin played the violin, as also did Albert Gallatin (2nd). A son of Mary Elizabeth was a violinist and her daughter Isora was a fine vocalist and no doubt would have reached the operatic stage but for her untimely death. The sons of Ralph Martin, as youngsters, knew the Organ, Guitar, and Harmonica.

A son of George Wallingford loved the violin and was preparing for its study at the time of his tragic and accidental death.

A grandson of George Wallingford is a good performer on the piano and during younger days also on the banjo. And of course, there are others unknown to the writer.

Children:

1.	Lillian Weatherby	Born October 8th, 1873	Utica, Missouri
		Died November, 1907	Chicago, Illinois
		Interment Edgewood Cemetery,	Chillicothe, Missouri
2.	Maud Weatherby	Born September 27th, 1875	Utica, Missouri
		Died December, 1897	Phoenix, Arizona
		Interment Edgewood Cemetery,	Chillicothe, Missouri
3.	Zack Weatherby	Born August 26th, 1880	Utica, Missouri
		Died November, 1880	Utica, Missouri
		Interment Edgewood Cemetery,	Chillicothe, Missouri

4. Tom T. Weatherby Born October 25th, 1881 Utica, Missouri

Died September, 1893 Chillicothe, Missouri

Interment Edgewood Cemetery, Chillicothe, Missouri

5. George Wallingford Weatherby Jr.

Born May 6th, 1878 Utica, Missouri

Married August 15th, 1904, Chillicothe, Missouri to Mary Ann Culbert, born November 15th, 1884, Chicago, Illinois.

One son.

George Wallingford Weatherby III

Born March 20th, 1907, Chicago, Illinois

Married August 29th, 1935, Chicago, Illinois, to Lorraine Ardelle Donkle, born September 6th, 1913, Chicago, Illinois

6. Ione Weatherby Born February 18th, 1886, Utica, Missouri

Married October 9th, 1907, Chicago, Illinois, to Herbert Barton France, Born March 6th, 1882, Decatur, Indiana.

Two sons

John Thomas France Born April 14th, 1910, Decatur, Indiana

Married May 10th, 1936, Bloomington, Illinois, to Freda D. Sutton, Born June 20th, 1912, Dawson Township, McLean Co., Illinois

One daughter

Joan France Born March 10th, 1937, Findlay, Illinois

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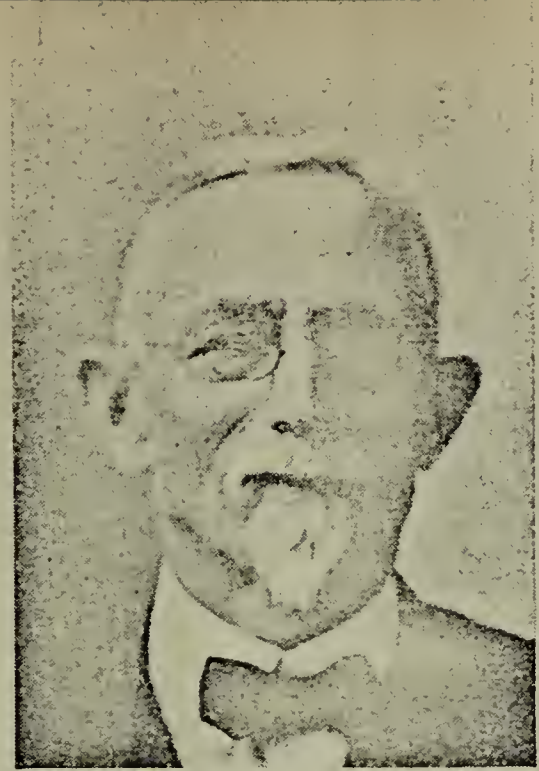
George Weatherby France

Born July 25th, 1916, Chicago, Illinois



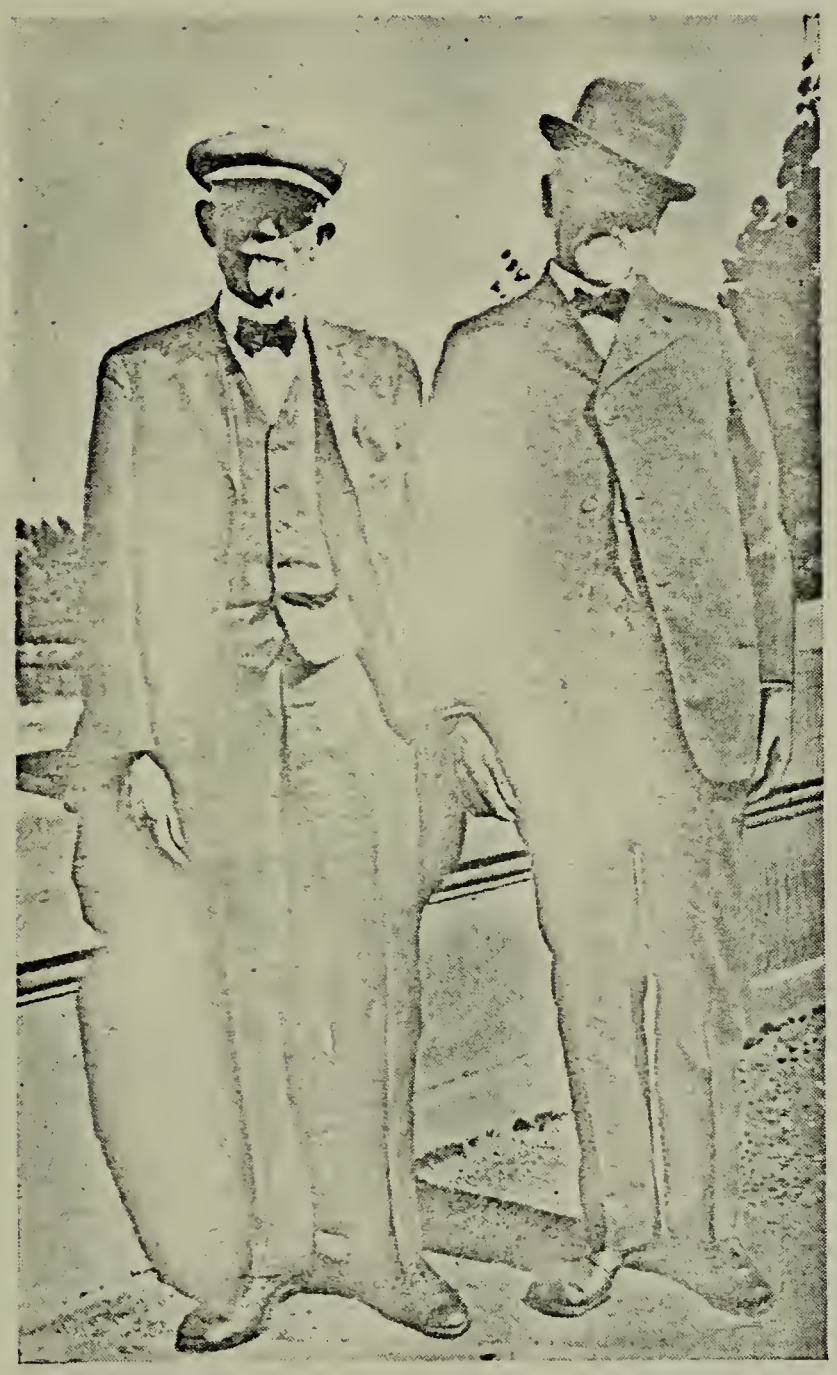
George Wallingford Weatherby

Mary Louise Wilson Weatherby

Home of George and Rebecca Northam, with whom George lived as a boy.

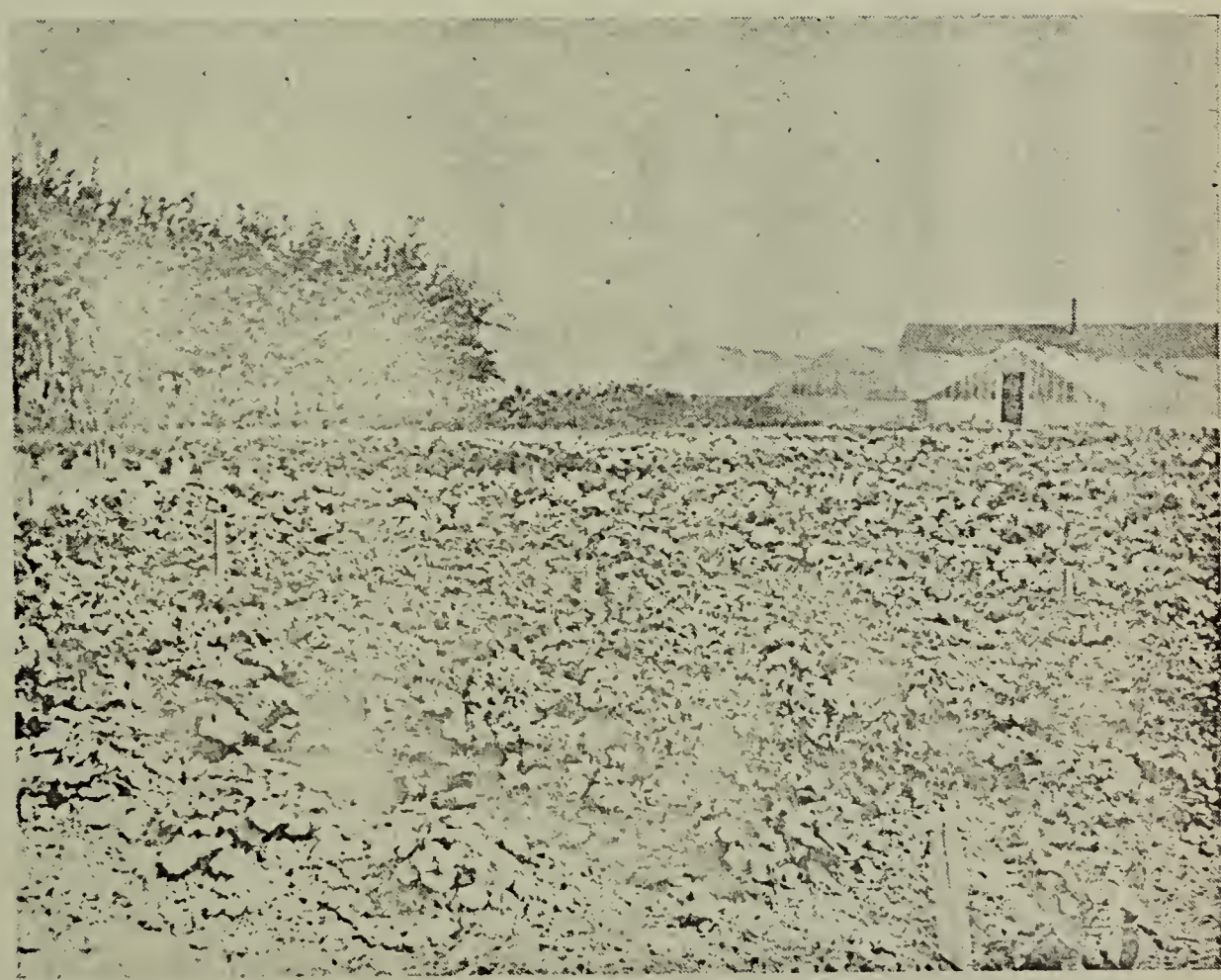
Congregational Church, Painesville, where George W. attended Sunday school.

George W. and Mary Louise Weatherby at San Francisco Exposition, 1915.



Brothers and Pals
George and Ralph

Home of George W. Weatherby about the year 1892. At the lower right of the terrace steps was the pond for water lillies and plants.



A field of blooming plants. At the left of the greenhouses were the packing shed and grounds, also several acres of strawberries, evergreens, shrubbery and ornamentals.

Thomas Weatherby, B. 1682, D. 1752

- Thomas Weatherby
  Bathsheba (W)
  Rebecca Clury (W)
  - Rebecca
  - Ebenezer—(See page following for descendants)

- Benjamin Weatherbee
  Susanna Aldridge (W)
  - Benjamin
    B. Aug. 19, 1762
    M. Dec. 19, 1785
    to
    Lucy Morse
    D. Oct. 26, 1827
    Age 65
    - Jesse—B. Sept. 6, 1786
      D. Mar. 4, 1814
    - Jabez—B. Feb. 16, 1788
      D. Apr. 21, 1832
      M. Apr. 13, 1815
      to
      Sally Endicott
      - Jesse
        B. Feb. 16, 1816
        M. June 18, 1840
        to Louisa R. Gay
        - Edward
          B. Mar. 6, 1842
      - John
        B. May 3, 1818
        D. Mar. 20, 1874
      - Benjamin
        B. Aug. 3, 1820
        Baptized Nov. 13, 1822
        M. Elizabeth Ann Johnson
        - Jabez
          B. May 19, 1849
        - George William
          B. May 13, 1852
        - Sarah Elizabeth
          B. June 5, 1854
    - John—B. Feb. 23, 1799
      D. in infancy
    - Lucy—B. Sept. 16, 1801
      D. May 15, 1827
      M. May 31, 1826
      to John Eaton
  - David
    Baptized Sept. 23, 1764
    M. Aug. 26, 1797
    to Lucy Wright
    - Infant
      D. Jan. 16, 1801
  - Comfort
    M. Oct. 11, 1792
    to Rhene Morse
    - Comfort
      M. Oct. 23, 1836
      to Vanity Fisher
      - Alfred Fisher
        B. Dec. 22, 1838
        M. Nov. 14, 1864
        D. Apr. 9, 1875

- Nathaniel Wetherby
  Submit Howe (W)
  - Rhoda—B. Dec. 11, 1760
  - Thomas—B. Feb. 10, 1762
  - Nathaniel—B. Feb. 10, 1764
  - Rebecca—B. May 7, 1769
  - Betsey—B. Oct. 27, 1779 in Dorchester

- James Wetherbee
  Elizabeth Everit (W)
  - Experience—B. Mar. 25, 1756
    D. Apr. 21, 1769
  - Joshua—B. Jan. 30, 1759
  - Kezia—B. May 23, 1761

- Elizabeth Wetherbee
  Seth Clapp (H)

- Joseph Wetherby
  Olive Nutting (W)
  - Joseph—B. Feb. 13, 1769
  - Olive—B. Sept. 20, 1770
    M. Oct. 24, 1794 to Eliza Ayers
  - John—B. Apr. 9, 1776

W.—Wife; H.—Husband; M.—Married; B.—Born; D.—Died

- Ebenezer Weatherby
  B. 1775
  Betsy Harden (W)
  - Rebecca Weatherbee
    George Northam (H)
  - Betsey Weatherbee
    David B. Bosworth (H)
  - Harriet Weatherbee
    Winchester LeBaron (H)
    - Sirrell Corydon LeBaron
    - Leroy Delance LeBaron
  - Albert Gallatin Weatherby (See page following for descendants)
  - Julianna Weatherbee
    Charles C. Bronson (H)
    - William Henry Bronson
    - Charles Louis Bronson
    - Infant—B. Sept. 30, 1842
      D. Dec. 17, 1842
  - Alfred Harden Weatherbee
    Huldah Maria Sherman (W)
    - Nathan Gould Weatherbee
    - Lauretta Maria Weatherbee
      Alvin Poe (H)
      - Daisy Eliza Poe
        Norman C. Pratt (H)*
      - Alvin Duke Poe
      - William Alfred Poe
        Jeune I. Paul (W)
        - Elizabeth Evelyn Poe
          Owen Hepley (H)
          - Judith Ellen Hepley
        - Pauline Poe
          Carl David Whitehorn (H)
          - David Alen Whitehorn
    - Alfred Hardin Weatherbee Jr.
    - Willie P. Weatherbee (child of second marriage)
  - Comfort Lewis Weatherbee
    Maria Williams (W)
    - Infant child who lived only a few months.

Betsey Harden's Parents
- John Harden
  B. 1752
  D. Apr. 22, 1802
  M. Oct. 8, 1772 to
  Sarah Pearson (Person)
  B. Aug. 16, 1753
  D. Mar. 6, 1818
  - Sarah Harden. Born Feb. 20, 1773
    Married Willaby Dextor
  - Milley. Born Feb. 16, 1775
  - (Betty) Betsey. Born Nov. 5, 1777
    Married Ebenezer Weatherby
  - Nanny. Born June 7, 1780
    Married Sullivan Paine
  - Elias. Born Sept. 18, 1782
  - Lewis. Born Jan. 8, 1788
    Died Feb. 23, 1796
  - Rufus. Born Nov. 12, 1791
    Married Polly White
  - Patty. Born Jan. 20, 1796

All descendants of Lauretta Maria Weatherbee are living, except those marked *.

Albert Gallatin Weatherby
Wilhelmina Pauline Offenbach (W)
(Also spelled Auchenbaugh)

- Albert Gallatin Wetherby (2)
  Mary Frances Vorhees (W)
  See page following for descendants.
- Ralph Martin Weatherby
  Jennie Hale Robinson (W)
  See second page following for descendants.
- John Weatherby (no record of marriage)
- Mary Elizabeth Weatherby
  Moses Owen (H)
  See third page following for descendants.
- George Wallingford Weatherby
  Mary Louise Wilson (W)
  See fourth page following for descendants.

(H) Husband; (W) Wife.

- * Albert G. Wetherby (II)
  - * Mary Frances Vorhees (W)
    - Albert G. Wetherby (III)
      - Maymie Smith (W)
        - Ella Clapp Wetherby
        - Louise Isabel Wetherby
        - Frances Wetherby
        - Bert G. Wetherby
    - Mary Frances Wetherby
      - J. M. Butler (H)
        - * Helen Louise Butler
        - Robert L. Butler
        - * Hazel Blanche Smith (W)
        - Albert G. Butler
          - Jennie Rupe (W)
            - Albert G. Butler Jr.
        - Blanche V. Butler
          - H. F. Peters (H)
            - Frances Virginia Peters
            - Pauline Mildred
            - Rudolph V. Peters
            - Woodrow F. Peters
        - Dorothy V. Butler
          - Robert C. Poore (H)
        - George H. Butler
          - Bertha Radifer (W)
            - Ernest W. Butler
            - George H. Butler Jr.
        - Ralph R. Butler
        - * Harry H. Butler
          - Jessie E. Scott (W)
            - Mary Margaret Butler
        - Willard W. Butler
        - John M. Butler
        - Jack V. Butler
    - * Helen Brecount Wetherby
      - Harry Hall Suttle (H)
    - Richard Mathers Wetherby
    - * George Hoadley Wetherby
    - Edward Cope Wetherby
      - Sabina Ellen (Nelle) Wilcox (W)
        - Franches Elizabeth Wetherby
          - Homer Paul Burdette (H)
        - Mildred Lee Wetherby
          - Jack Carl Collins (H)
            - Richard Lee Collins
        - Helen Louise Wetherby
          - Frank Benjamin Lacock (H)
        - Edna Christine Wetherby
          - Fred E. Floyd (H)
        - Miriam Virginia Wetherby
        - Billie Nelle Wetherby
    - Blanche Violet Wetherby
      - Harry Bailey (H)
        - Harry Bailey Jr.
          - Kathleen Mary Lyons (W)
            - Harry Richard Bailey
            - Marcia Ann Bailey
        - Virginia Wetherby Bailey
          - Harrison Baird (H)
        - Mary Louise Bailey
    - Louise Isabel Wetherby
      - * Emmett Painter (H)
    - * Carrick Wilcox Wetherby
      - * Nora Weaver (W)
        - Helen Emogine Wetherby
    - Marcia Valeria Wetherby
      - John Silas Garrett II (H)
        - * John Silas Garrett III
        - Marcia Wetherby Garrett
        - June Garrett
    - * Lillian Mildred Wetherby
      - Georgia Suttle Wetherby

(W) Wife; (H) Husband; (D) Deceased.

- * Ralph Martin Weatherby
  * Jennie Hale Robinson (W)
  - Albert Thaine Weatherby
    Flora Culver (W)
  - * Elizabeth Ardelle Weatherby
    Albert T. Shields (H)
    - *Jennie Jeannette Shields
      Homer Thoro (H)
      - Ralph Flint Thoro
      - *Homer Harold Thoro
    - Ralph Shields
      Olive Shields (W)
      - Albert J. Shields
      - Lois Lucille Shields
    - Oakie Shields
      George Gray (H)
      - Farold Dean Gray
    - Pauline Shields
      Clarence Stine (H)
      - Elwood James Stine
  - Glenn Cookson Weatherby
    Lucy Cox (W)
    - Forrest Cox Weatherby
  - * Ralph Martin Weatherby Jr.

(W) Wife; (H) Husband; * Deceased.

- * Mary Elizabeth Weatherby
- * Moses Owen (H)
  - Ralph Rupert Owen
    Ida May McCullough (W)
    - John McCullough Owen
    - * Ralph Raymond Owen Jr.
  - * Isora Edith Owen
  - Raymond Moses Owen
    Jessie Snow Carson (W)
    - * Mary Louise Owen
    - Jessie Owen
      Roderic Green Collins III (H)
    - Raymond Moses Owen Jr.
      Gladys Muriel Rungee (W)
  - Josephine Mary Owen
    * Julius W. Gogarn (H)
    - Gladys Gogarn
  - Otto Clyde Owen
    Louise Eyerdam (W)
    - Mary Louise Owen
      Robert Lee Kramer (H)
    - Betty Eugenia Owen
      William Jackson Babcock (H)
      - William Jackson Babcock Jr.
      - Owen Babcock
    - Otto Clyde Owen Jr.

(H) Husband; (W) Wife; * Deceased

- * George Wallingford Weatherby
  * Mary Louise Wilson (W)
  - * Lillian Weatherby
  - * Maud Weatherby
  - George Wallingford Weatherby, Jr.
    Mary Ann Culbert (W)
    - George Wallingford Weatherby III
    - Lorraine Ardelle Donkle (W)
  - * Zack Weatherby
  - * Tom T. Weatherby
  - Ione Weatherby
    Herbert Barton France (H)
    - John Thomas France
      Freda D. Sutton (W)
      - Joan France
    - George Weatherby France

* Deceased; (H) Husband; (W) Wife.

PRESENT ADDRESSES OF DESCENDANTS

Bailey - Mr. & Mrs. Harry	(Blanche Violet Wetherby)	Penland, N. C.
Bailey - Mr. & Mrs. Harry Jr.		Penland, N. C.
Bailey - Harry Richard		Penland, N. C.
Bailey - Marcia Ann		Penland, N. C.
Bailey - Mary Louise	c/o Limestone College	Gaffney, S. C.
Babcock - Mr. & Mrs. William	(Betty Owen)	
	2348 Indian Tree Road	Highland Park, Ill.
Baird - Mr. & Mrs. Harrison J.	(Virginia Bailey)	
	5 Pearson Drive	Asheville, N. C.
Burdette - Mr. & Mrs. H. Paul	(Frances Elizabeth Wetherby)	
		Ripley, W. Va.
Butler - Mr. & Mrs. J. M.	(Mary Frances Wetherby)	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Butler - Mr. & Mrs. Robert L.		Johnson City, Tenn.
Butler - Mr. & Mrs. Albert G.	Route 4	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Butler - Albert G. Jr.	Route 4	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Butler - Mr. & Mrs. George H.	Route 3	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Butler - Ernest W.	Route 3	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Butler - George H. Jr.	Route 3	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Butler - Ralph R.	Route 3	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Butler - Mrs. Harry H.	Route 3	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Butler - Mary Margaret	Route 3	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Butler - Willard W.	Route 3	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Butler - John M.	Route 3	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Butler - Jack V.	Route 3	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Collins - Mr. & Mrs. J. Carl	(Mildred Lee Wetherby)	
	339 Fourth Avenue	Huntington, W. Va.
Collins - Mr. & Mrs. Roderic G.	(Jessie Owen)	Westport, Conn.
Floyd - Mr. & Mrs. Fred E.	(Edna Christine Wetherby)	Huntington, W. Va.
	110 Wilson Court	
France - Mr. & Mrs. Herbert B.	(Ione Weatherby)	
	902 Washington Street	Evanston, Illinois
France - George W.	902 Washington Street	Evanston, Illinois
France - Dr. & Mrs. John T.		Findlay, Illinois
Garrett - Mr. & Mrs. John S. II	(Marcia Valeria Wetherby)	
	Route 7	Columbia, Tenn.
Garrett - Marcia Wetherby	Route 7	Columbia, Tenn.
Garrett - June	Route 7	Columbia, Tenn.
Gogarn - Mrs. Julius W.	(Josephine Mary Owen)	
	1275 Chappel Street	New Haven, Conn.
Gray - Mr. & Mrs. George		Pleasant Hill, Missouri
Gray - Farold Dean		Pleasant Hill, Missouri
Hepley - Mrs. Owen	(Elizabeth Poe)	
	38 West Vermont Street	Indianapolis, Indiana
Kramer - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lee	(Mary Louise Owen)	Winter Haven, Fla.
Lacock - Mrs. Frank B.	(Helen Louise Wetherby)	
	413 Second Street	Huntington, W. Va.

Owen - Mr. & Mrs. Otto C.		Winter Haven, Fla.
Owen - Otto C. Jr.	3614 Meadowbrook Ave.	Nashville, Tenn.
Owen - Mr. & Mrs. Ralph R.	Boston Post Road	Pelham, N. Y.
Owen - John M.	Boston Post Road	Pelham, N. Y.
Owen - Mr. & Mrs. Raymond M.		Pelham, N. Y.
Owen - Mr. & Mrs. Raymond M. Jr.		Greenwich, Conn.
Painter - Mrs. Emmett	(Louise Isabel Wetherby)	Penland, N. C.
Peters - Mr. & Mrs. H. F.	(Blanche V. Butler) Route 3	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Peters - Frances Virginia	Route 3	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Peters - Pauline Mildred	Route 3	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Peters - Randolph	Route 3	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Peters - Woodrow F.	Route 3	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Poe - Alvin Duke		Tower City, N. Dak.
Poe - William A.	38 West Vermont St.	Indianapolis, Ind.
Poore - Mr. & Mrs. Robert C.	(Dorothy V. Butler) Route 3	Jonesboro, Tenn.
Pratt - Mrs. D. P.	(Daisy Poe) R. D. 3	Hudson, Ohio
Shields - Albert T.		Pleasant Hills, Mo.
Shields - Mr. & Mrs. Ralph		Belton, Mo.
Shields - Albert J.		Belton, Mo.
Shields - Lois Lucille		Belton, Mo.
Stine - Mr. & Mrs. Clarence		Peculiar, Mo.
Stine - Elwood James		Peculiar, Mo.
Suttle - Harry Hall		Touring Europe
Thoro - Homer		Belton, Mo.
Thoro - Ralph Flint		Belton, Mo.
Weatherby - Mr. & Mrs. George W. Jr.	6930 S. Shore Drive	Chicago, Illinois
Weatherby - Mr. & Mrs. George W. III	7552 Essex Avenue	Chicago, Illinois
Weatherby - Mr. & Mrs. Albert T.		Chillicothe, Missouri
Weatherby - Mr. & Mrs. Glenn C.	525 Knickerbocker Ave.	Kansas City, Missouri
Weatherby - Forrest C.	525 Knickerbocker Ave.	Kansas City, Missouri
Wetherby - Albert G. (3)		Marion, Virginia
Wetherby - Bert G.	510 Rowan Building	Los Angeles, Calif.
Wetherby - Richard Mathers		Jonesboro, Tenn.
Wetherby - Miriam V.	215½ Fourth Ave.	Huntington, W. Va.
Wetherby - Billie Nelle	215½ Fourth Ave.	Huntington, W. Va.
Wetherby - Georgia Suttle	401 Flint Street	Jonesboro, Arkansas
Wetherby - Helen Emogine		Johnson City, Tenn.
Whitehorn - Mr. & Mrs. Carl David (Pauline Poe)	3407 Thorne Road	Cleveland Heights, Ohio

(-) Maiden Name

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

DATA

For the convenience of those who sometime may wish to apply for membership in either of the above societies, the following four pages contain complete data. This data is a copy of the application of Ione Weatherby France for membership in the D.A.R., and reference can be made to her National Number 298598.

The applicant for membership in the S.A.R. can use the same data and refer to the National Number 54824 of George W. Weatherby Jr., or to the National Number 54825 of George W. Weatherby III.

LINEAGE

I, Ione Weatherby France, being of the age of eighteen years and upwards, hereby apply for membership in the Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from JOHN HARDEN who was born in Massachusetts on the ____day of____, 1752 and died in Mansfield, Mass. on the 22 day of April, 1802. His place of residence during the Revolution was Mansfield, Mass.

I was born in Utica County of Livingston State of Missouri.

(Please give all dates by numerals, month first, and given names in full)

1. I am the daughter of

George Wallingford Weatherby born 10-3-1846 died 3-18-1933 and his ( ) wife* Mary Louise Wilson born 1852 died 11-17-1926 married 1872

2. The said George Wallingford Weatherby was the child of Albert Gallatin Weatherby born 8-1-1804 died 5-9-1850 and his ( ) wife
long after
Wilhelmina Offenbach born abt. 1806 died 5-9-1850 married 2--1829

3. The said Albert Gallatin Weatherby was the child of

Ebenezer Weatherby born 2-5-1775 died 2---1814 and his ( ) wife
after 27 May
Betsey Harden (Betty) born 11-5-1777 died 1814 married 1798

4. The said Betsey (Betty) Harden was the child of John Harden

born 1752 died 4-22-1802 and his (1) wife Sarah Pearson (Person)
8 Oct.
born 8-16-1753 died 3-6-1818 married 1772

Give references by volume and page to the documentary or other authorities for---MILITARY RECORD:

Vol. VII p. 253 Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution.

Give, if possible, the following data: My Revolutionary ancestor was married (1) to Sarah Pearson (Person) at Mansfield, Mass. 8 October, 1772.

CHILDREN OF REVOLUTIONARY ANCESTOR

NAMES	DATES OF BIRTH	TO WHOM MARRIED, noting if Married more than once
Sarah Harden	20 Feb. 1773	m. Willaby Dexter
Milley Harden	16 Feb. 1775	-
*Betty (Betsey) Harden	5 Nov. 1777	Ebenezer Weatherby*
Nancy Harden	7 June, 1780	Sullivan Paine
Elias Harden	18 Sep. 1782	
Lewis Harden	8 Jan. 1788	died Feb. 23, 1796.
Rufus Harden	12 Nov. 1791	Polly White
----	27 May, 1798	dead
Patty Harden	20 Jan. 1796	

The numbers below refer to the corresponding generations

STATE VOLUME AND PAGE OF REFERENCES TO AUTHORITIES OR GIVE CERTIFICATE OF UNPUBLISHED AUTHORITY

2. Affidavit of data, certified, attached - See second paragraph, etc

3. Dedham Births Marriages and Deaths, Vol. 2, pp. 72, 168, 243.

Mansfield, Mass. Vital Record, p. 113

4. Mansfield, Mass. Vital Record, pp. 35, 36, 37, 114, 149.

Norton, Mass. Vital Record, p. 118.

The said John Harden is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of Private.

ANCESTOR'S SERVICES

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

JOHN HARDEN, Mansfield. Private, Capt. Samuel White's 7th (West Mansfield) Co. of Minute-men, Col. John Dagget's (Bristol Co.) regt., which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775, to Roxbury; service, 5 days; also, Capt. Samuel Robinson's Co; enlisted June 21, 1778; service, 22 days, at Rhode Island; company raised to serve in Col. Wade's regt. for 21 days from June 21, 1778; roll dated Attleborough; also, Private, in a company commanded by Lieut. Ephraim Grover, Col. Isaac Dean's (4th Bristol Co.) regt.; entered service Aug. 5, 1780; discharged Aug. 7, 1780; service, 4 days, at Rhode Island on the Alarm of Aug. 1, 1780, including 2 days travel home; mileage to place of rendevouz and home (80 miles) also allowed; roll sworn to at Attleborough.

County of Cook

State of Illinois

I, George W. Weatherby, Jr., on oath, being duly sworn, state that the following family information is true, based on family records and family knowledge.

My Great Grandfather, Ebenezer Weatherby, was born February 5, 1775 at Dedham, Massachusetts. Died February 8, 1814. Was married to Betsy Hardin in 1798. Betsy Hardin was born in Marshfield, Massachusetts in 1777.

The children of Ebenezer and Betsy Weatherby were as follows:

Albert Gallatin, my grandfather, was born in Wallingford, Vermont, August 1, 1804. Died at Le Roy, Ohio, May 9, 1850. Married Wilhelmina Offenbach, February 1829 in Pittsburgh.

Rebecca was born in Dedham, Massachusetts, September 12, 1798. Married George Northam, November 15, 1838 in Streetsboro, Ohio. Had stepson, Abiah Northam who emigrated to Batavia, Illinois.

Betsy was born in Dedham, Massachusetts, February 7, 1800. Married D. W. Bosworth at Streetsboro, Ohio.

Harriet was born in Wallingford, Vermont, February 6, 1802. Died in 1887. Married E. W. Le Barron, December 3, 1823 in Wallingford, Vt. Married second time to Roswell Gates, October 4, 1847.

Juliana was born in Wallingford, Vermont, April 5, 1807. Died on January 19, 1849. Married C. C. Bronson, November 6, 1836.

Alfred Hardin was born in Wallingford, Vermont, December 10, 1809.

Lewis Comfort was born in Wallingford, Vermont, October 12, 1813. Died at Hudson, December 12, 1837. Married Maria Williams in Dorset, Vermont.

Geo W Weatherby Jr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, in and for the County of Cook, State of Illinois, this 9th day of November, 1936.

Notary Public.

A WORD TO THE GRANDCHILDREN of

Albert Gallatin Wetherby (2)

Ralph Martin Weatherby

Mary Elizabeth Weatherby Owen

George Wallingford Weatherby

Lauretta Maria Weatherbee Poe

This family history, though brief, covers the period from the arrival from England of the first of our line to the passing of your lineal grandparent. The opportunity to continue this for your descendants should not be overlooked.

You may not be greatly interested in this history of your family, but somewhere along the line, as the years go by, there will be among your descendants someone who will volue it highly, and who will appreciate your having added a chapter covering the life of your lineal parent, either father or mother.

Gather your material now, while your parent is living. Every life is full of interest. Every past life contains some experience, the knowledge of which, may be beneficial to those descendants present and yet to come.

Kindly accept this as a friendly suggestion, and, as you add a chapter covering your lineal parent, so likewise, may your children and grandchildren do the same for you and theirs.

THE FOLLOWING BLANK PAGES ARE FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE GRAND CHILDREN AND DESCENDANTS IN CONTINUING THIS FAMILY HISTORY WITH A LIFE SKETCH OF THEIR LINEAL PARENT.

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